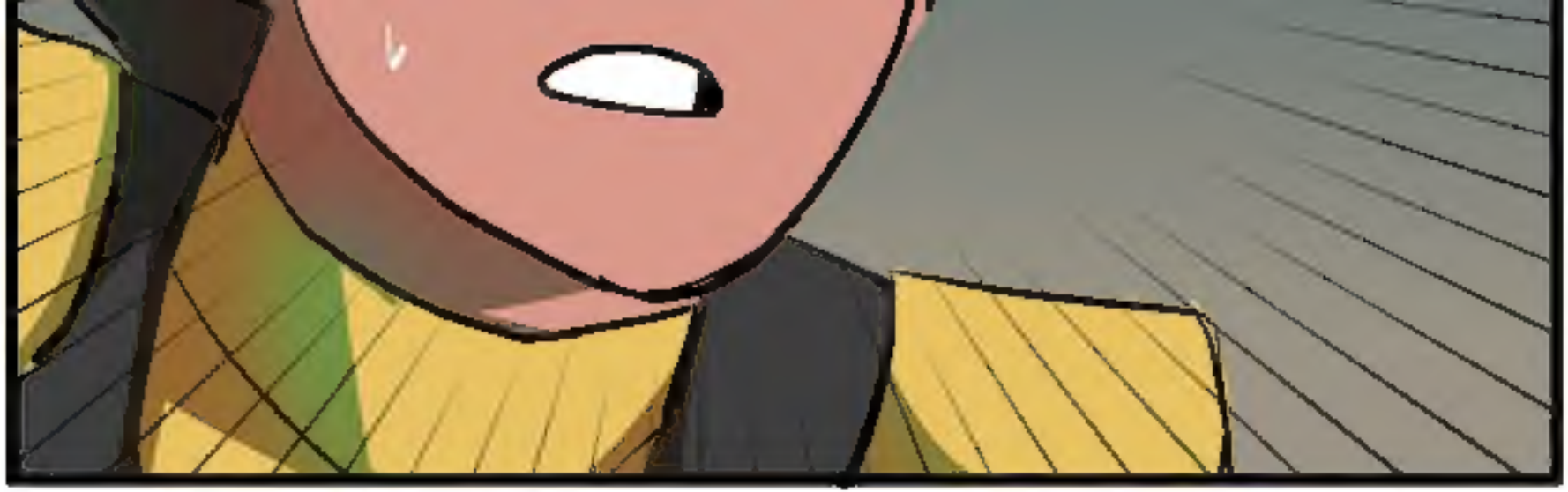
MARIA?!
OLI!!

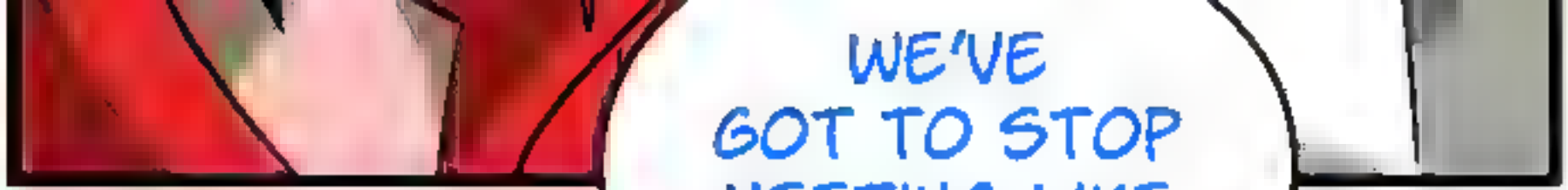
SO YOU'RE THE ONES WHO BROKE IN HERE BEFORE, HUH?
WE'VE GOT YOU NOW!

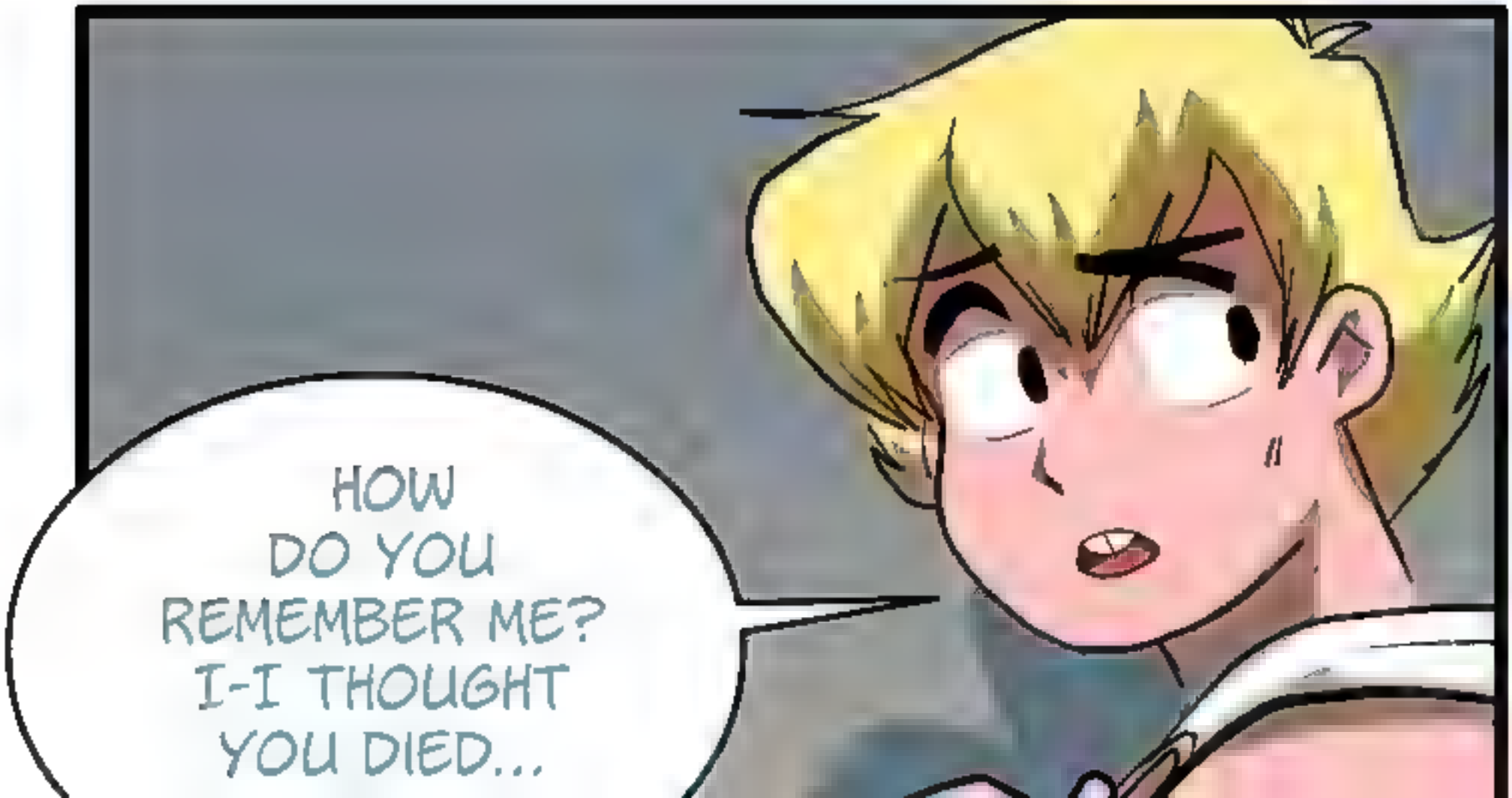


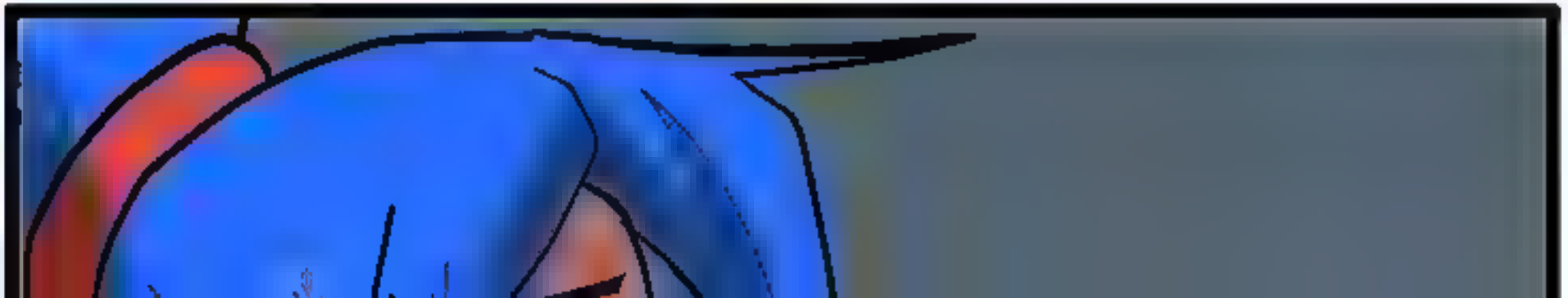
THEY DISAPPEARED...!

WHERE DID THEY GO!?

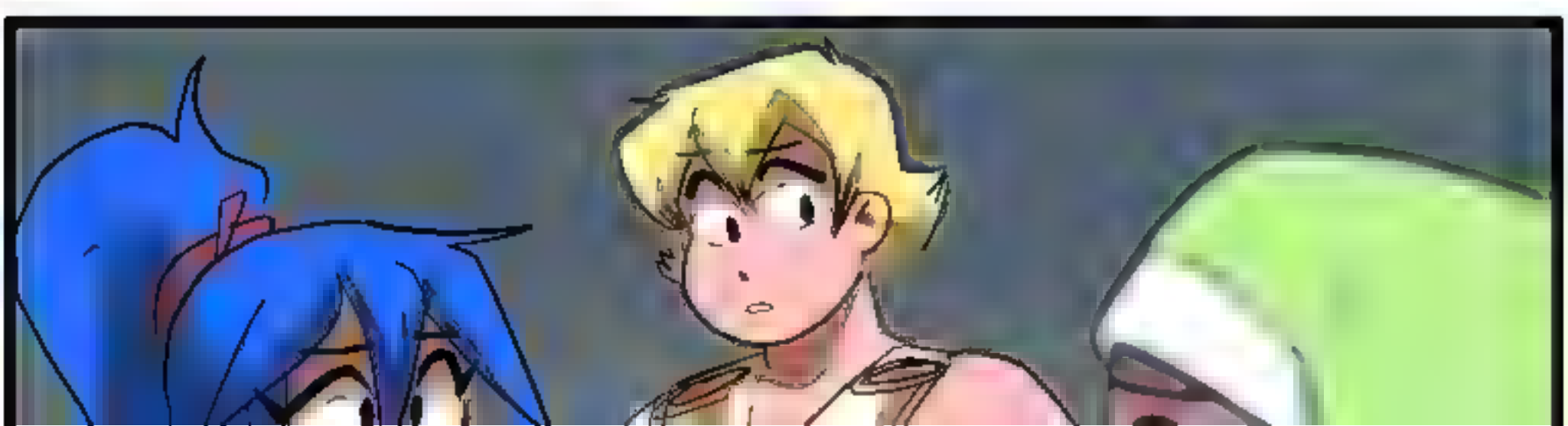
THAT WAS CLOSE.


WE'VE
GOT TO STOP
MEETING LIKE
THIS.

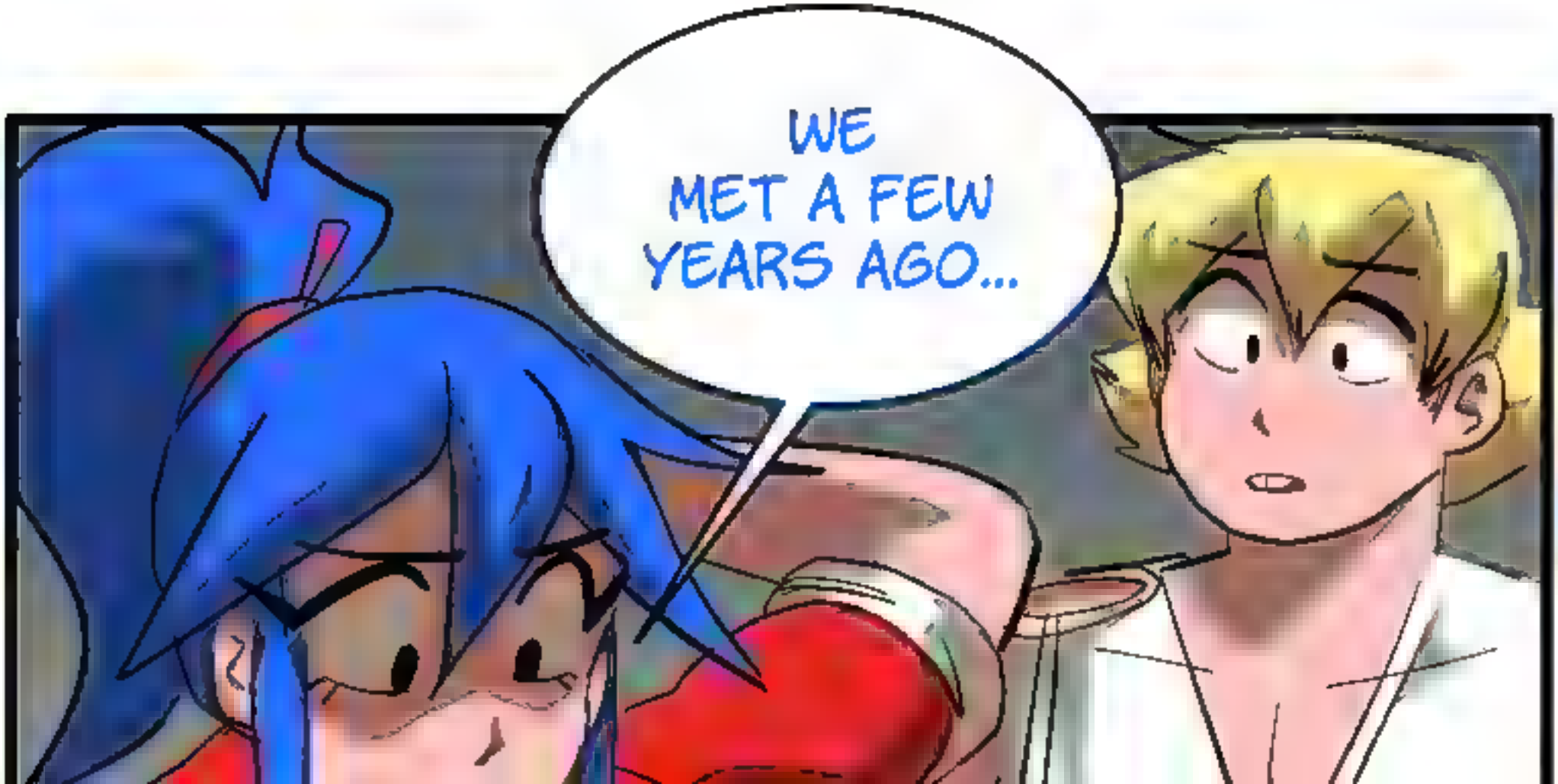

HOW DO YOU REMEMBER ME? I-I THOUGHT YOU DIED...

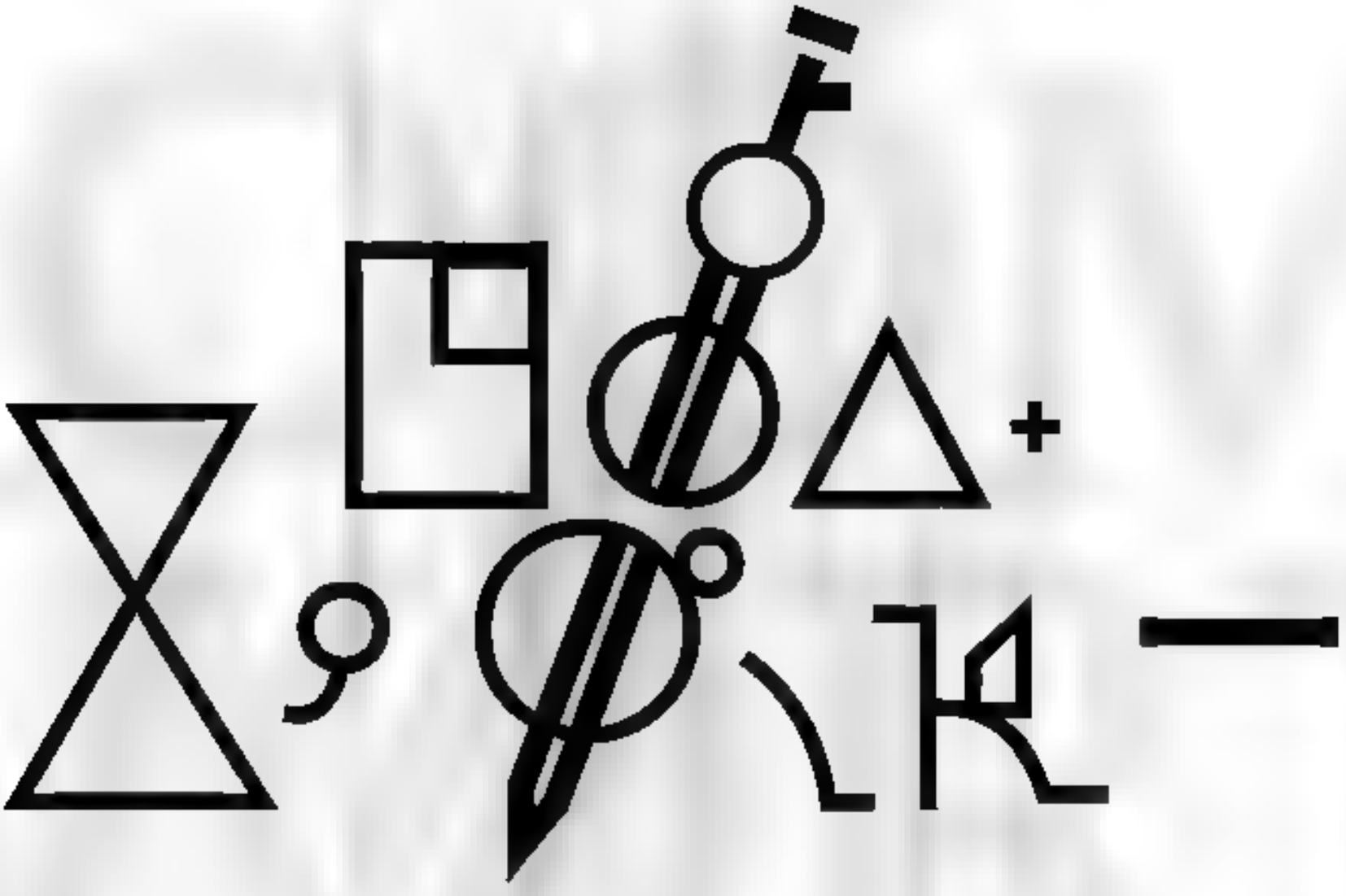


ER--
... OH YEAH,
I GUESS WE
DID TELL YOU
THAT...



UH...
YOU TWO
KNOW EACH
OTHER?


WE
MET A FEW
YEARS AGO...



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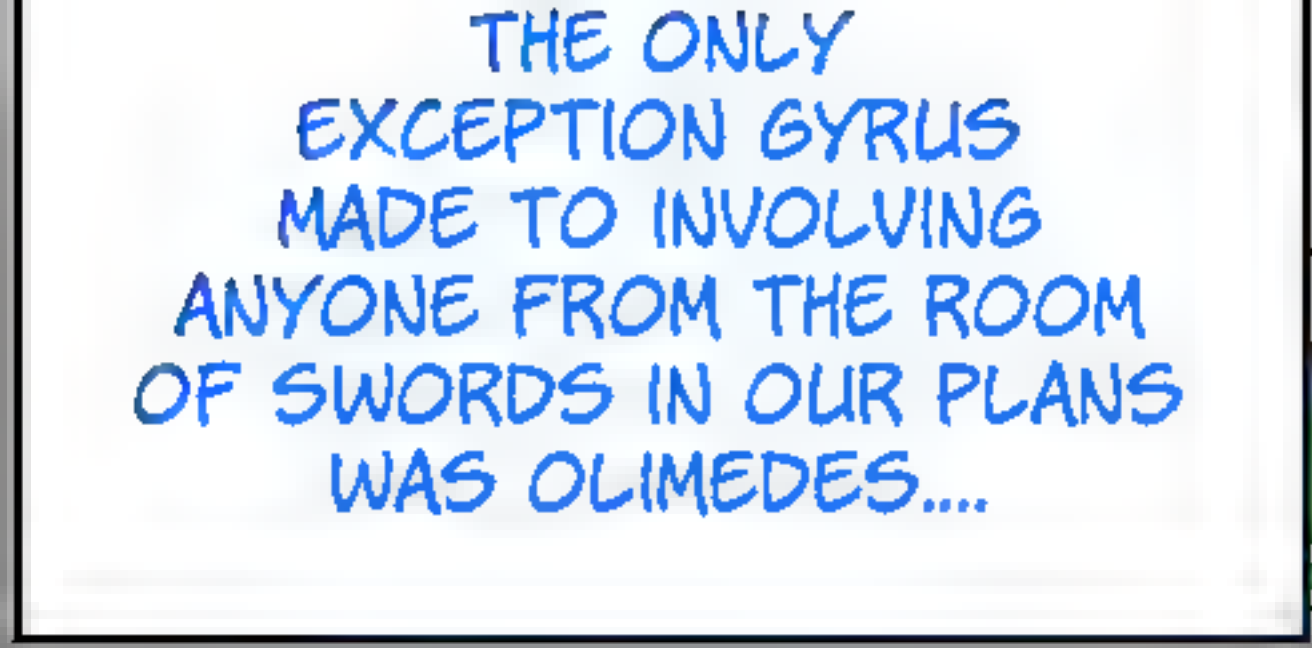
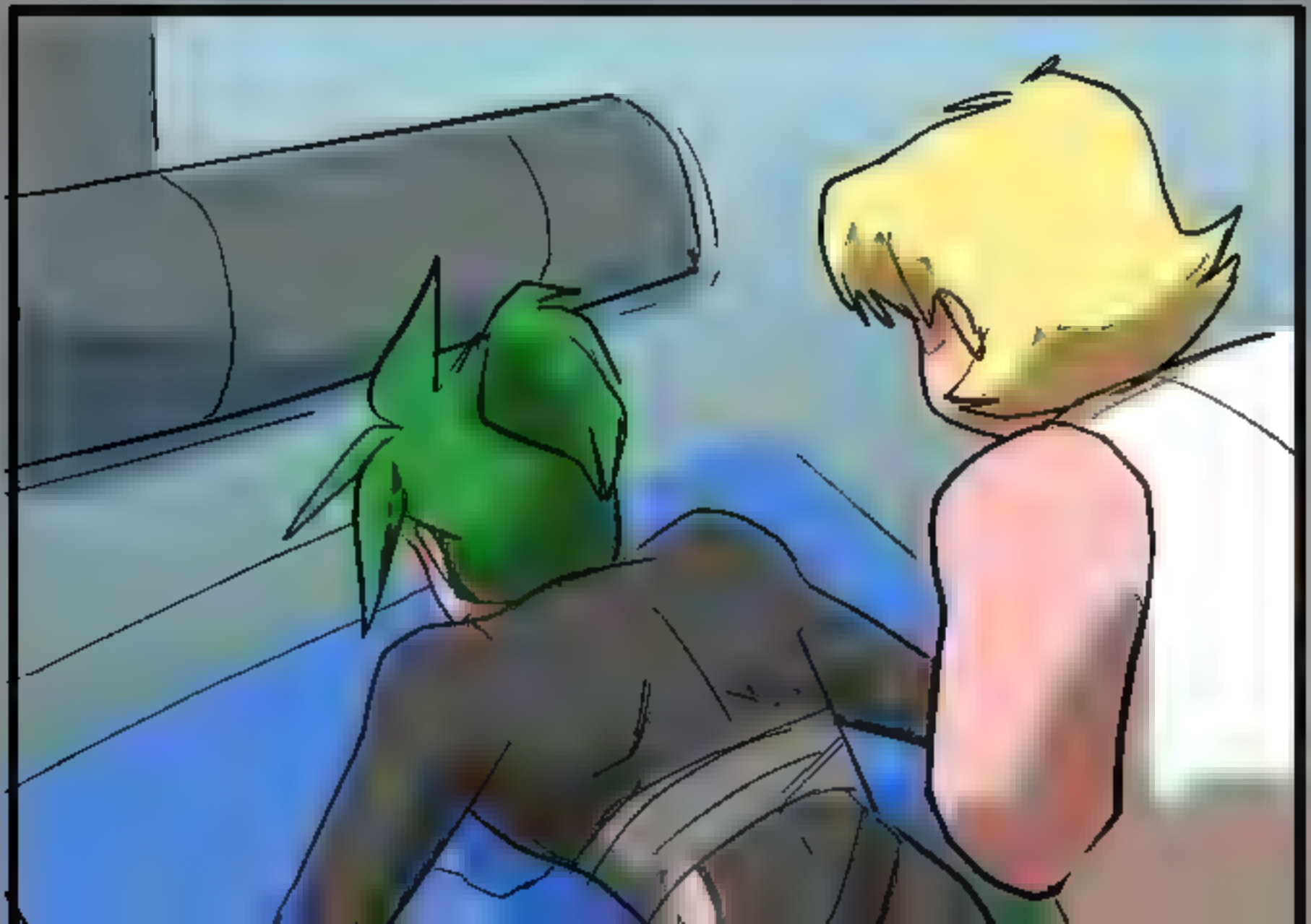
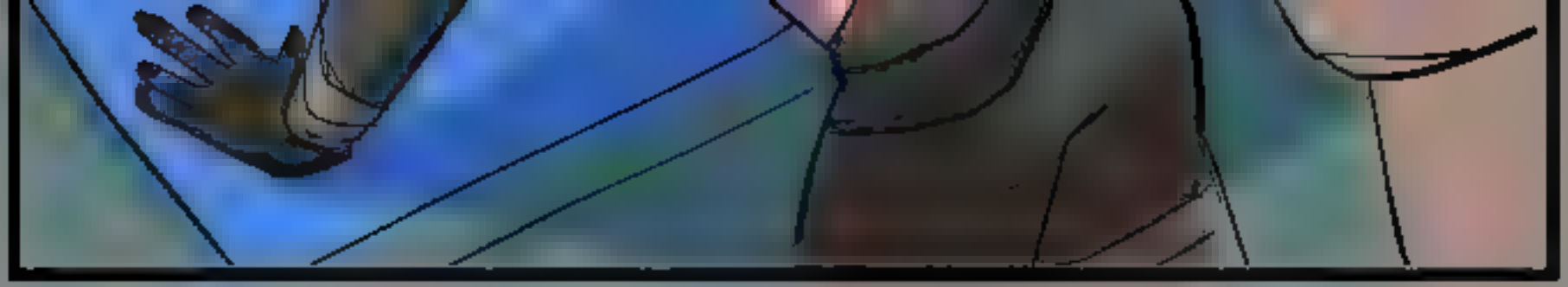
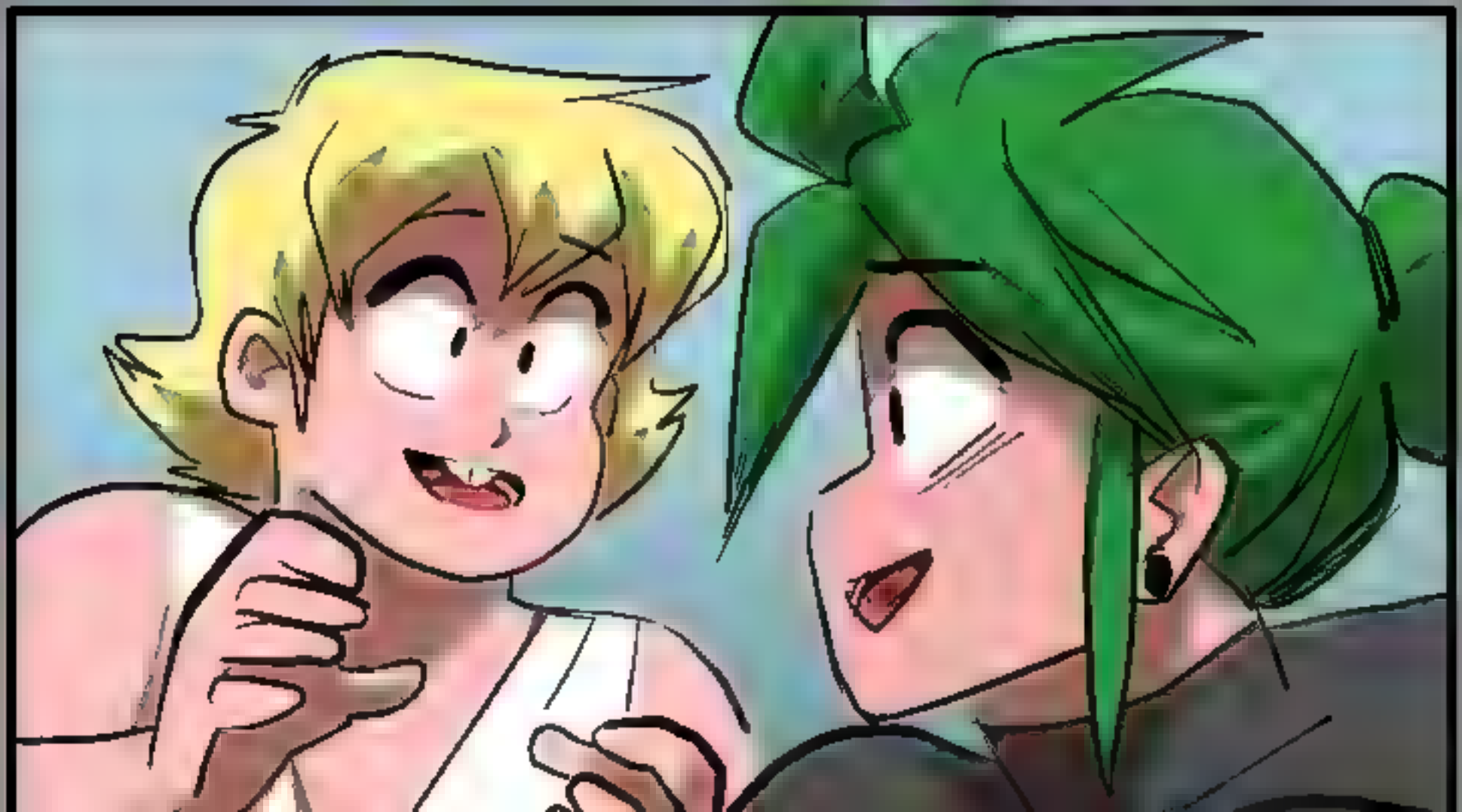
" FRACTURE "


THE ONLY
EXCEPTION GYRUS
MADE TO INVOLVING
ANYONE FROM THE ROOM
OF SWORDS IN OUR PLANS
WAS OLIMEDES....





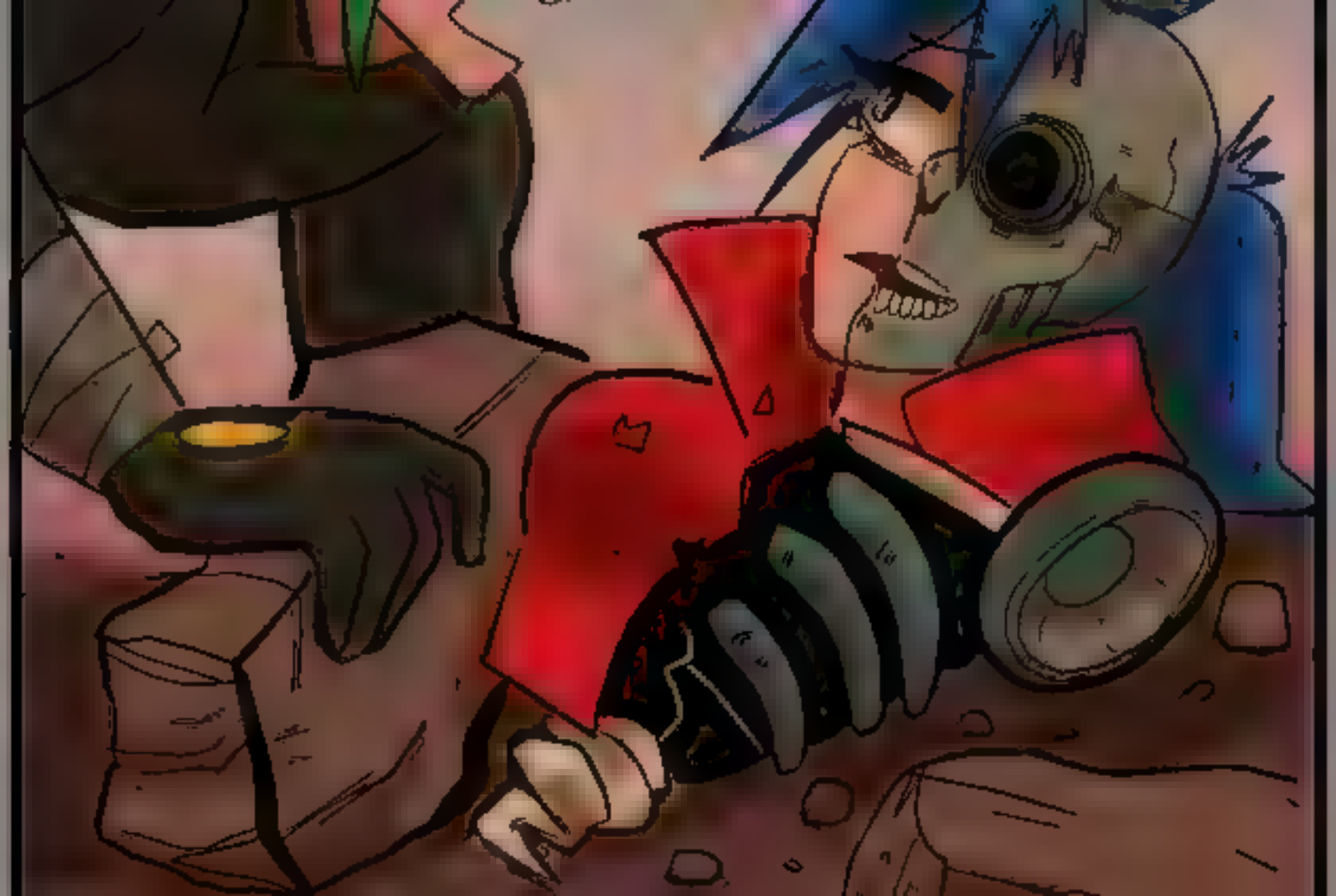
WHEN HE WAS CONSTRUCTING THE SHIP, GYRUS WENT TO OLIMEDES TO CREATE PARTS THAT HE SAID WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PRODUCE OTHERWISE.



BUT GYRUS WAS CAREFUL NOT TO REVEAL WHAT THE PARTS WERE FOR OR TO LET OLIMEDES KNOW THAT THE REST OF OUR GROUP EXISTED.

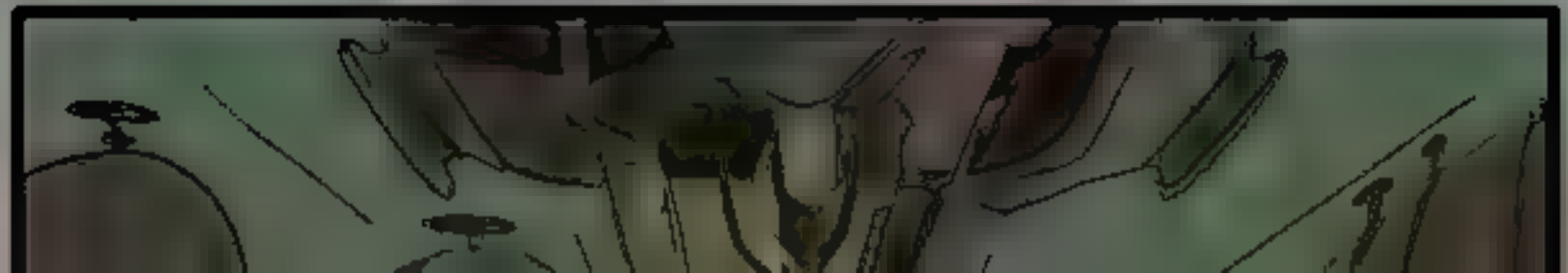
THAT WAS UNTIL ONE DAY... MY BODY WAS NEARLY DESTROYED IN ONE OF THE NEW REALMS WE WENT TO AFTER THE SHIP WAS BUILT.

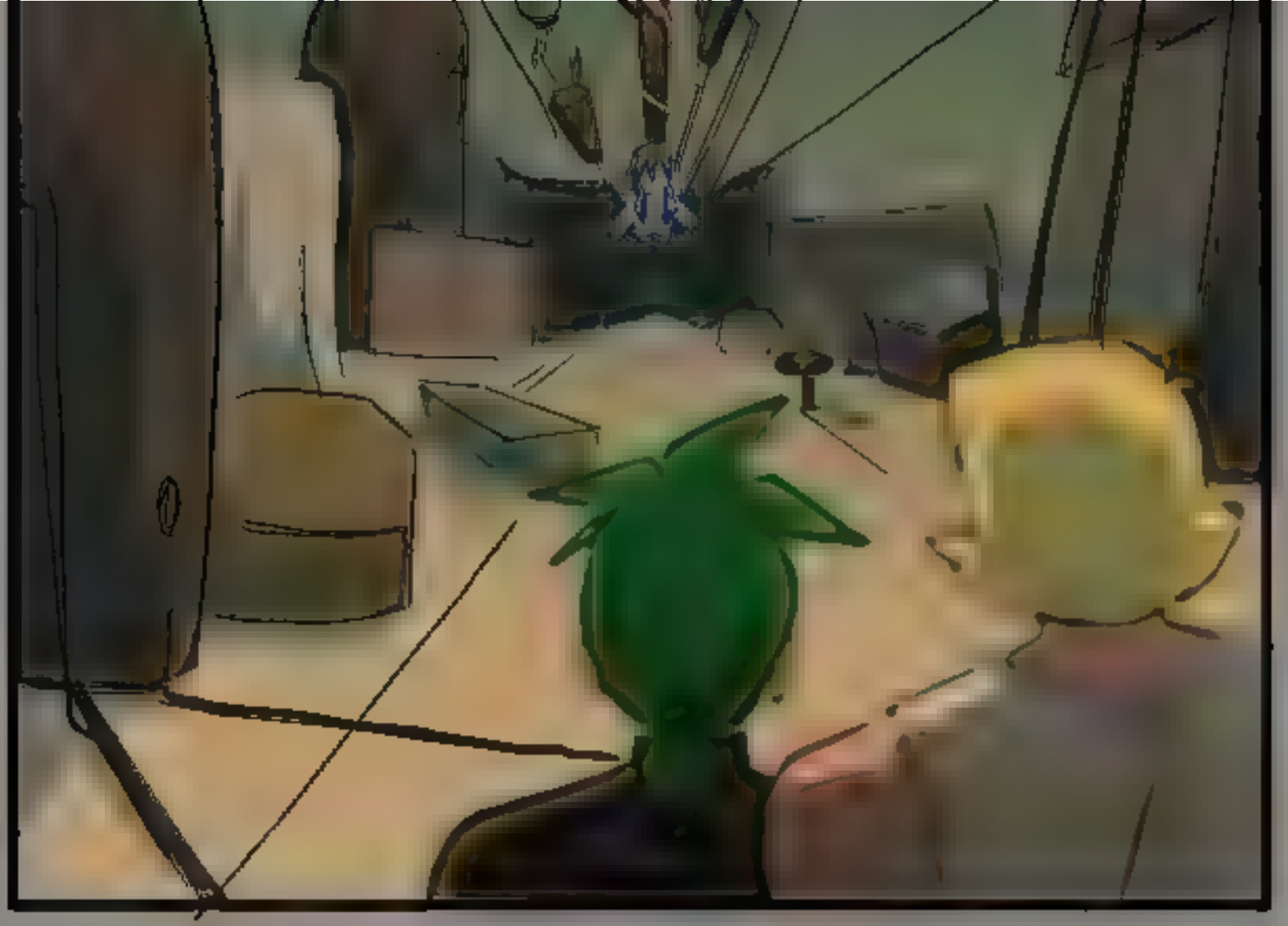
HOLD ON, MARIA. IT'S GOING TO BE OK!



A HEART BEET WON'T FIX THIS, GYRUS... JUST RESET ME... I'M NO USE TO ANYONE LIKE THIS.

GYRUS DID WHAT HE COULD FOR ME, BUT HE SAID AND ANDROID'S DESIGN IS MUCH MORE SUBTLE AND COMPLEX... THAT TRANSCRIBING IT WOULD TAKE MORE TIME THAN WE HAD, AND MORE SOPHISTICATED TOOLS THAN WERE AVAILABLE.



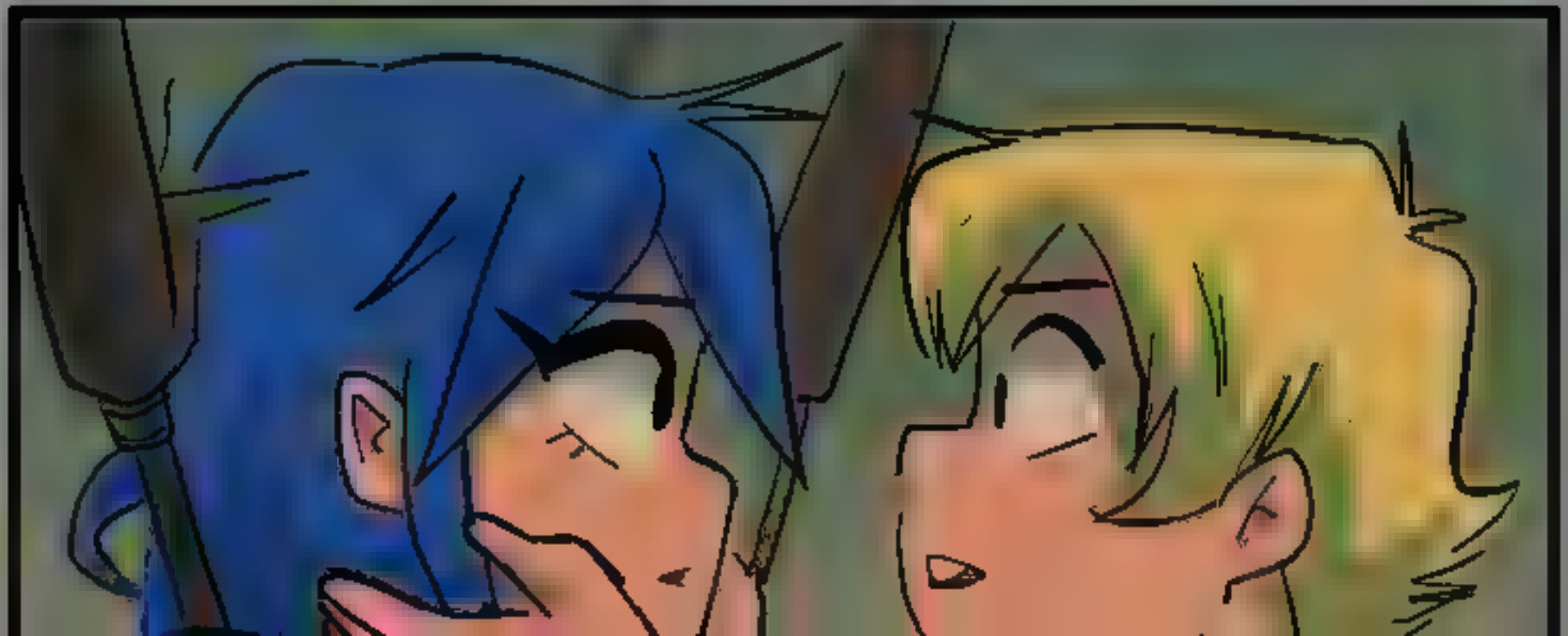


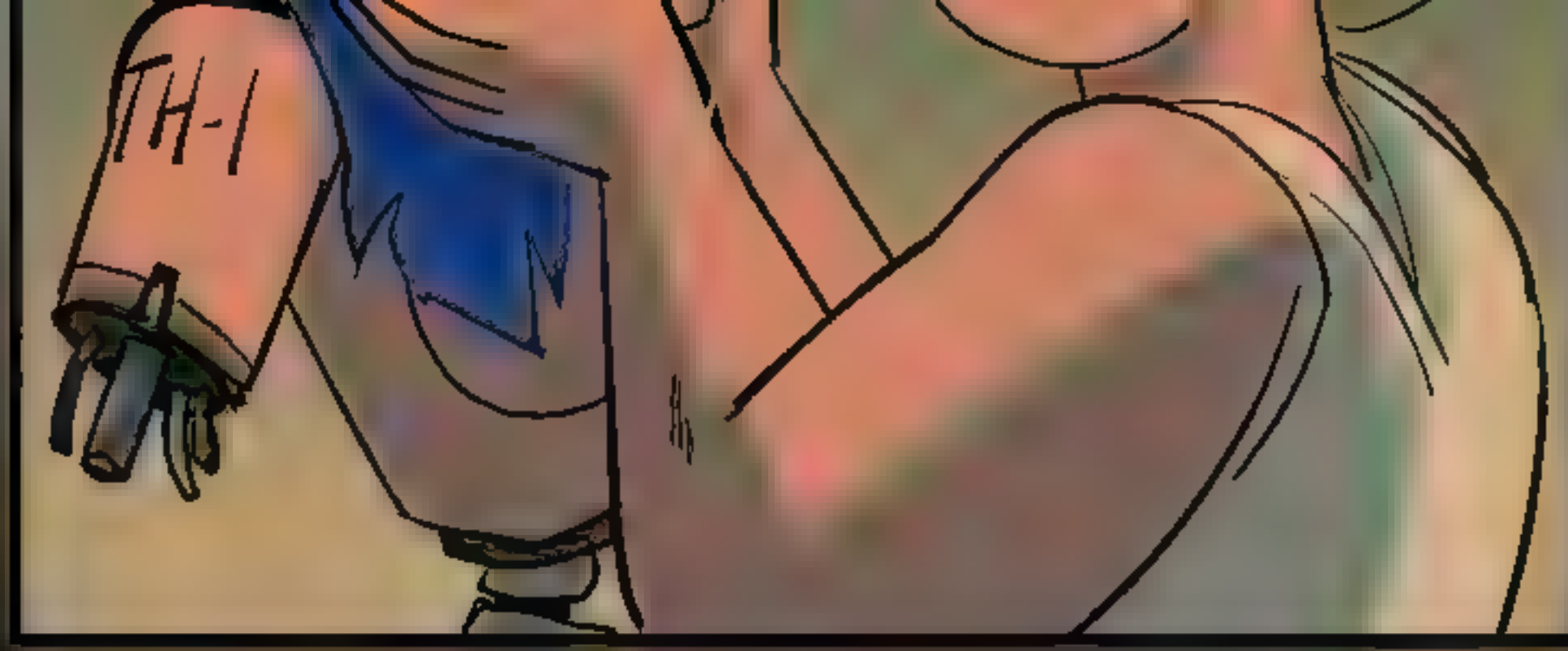
OLIMEDES WAS
OUR ONLY OPTION.

AND THAT'S HOW WE MET. WITH ME, SUSPENDED FROM THE CEILING AS OLIMEDES USED HIS ARTIST'S EYE AND GYRUS' TECHNICAL GUIDANCE TO PAINSTAKINGLY RECREATE EVERY DETAIL OF MY BODY.

TH-1

THE REST OF THE GROUP
STAYED OUT OF SIGHT
WHILE THIS WENT ON.

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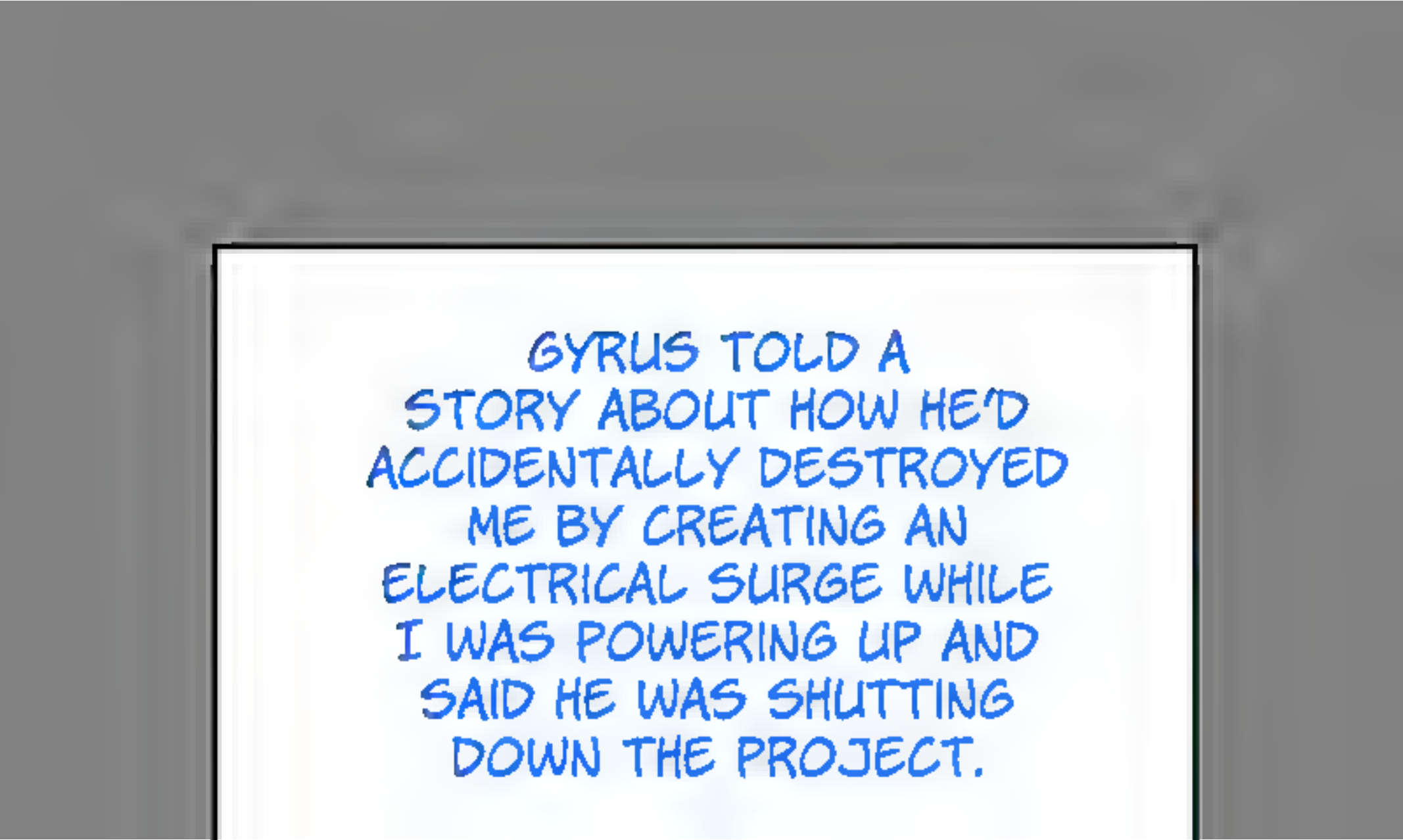
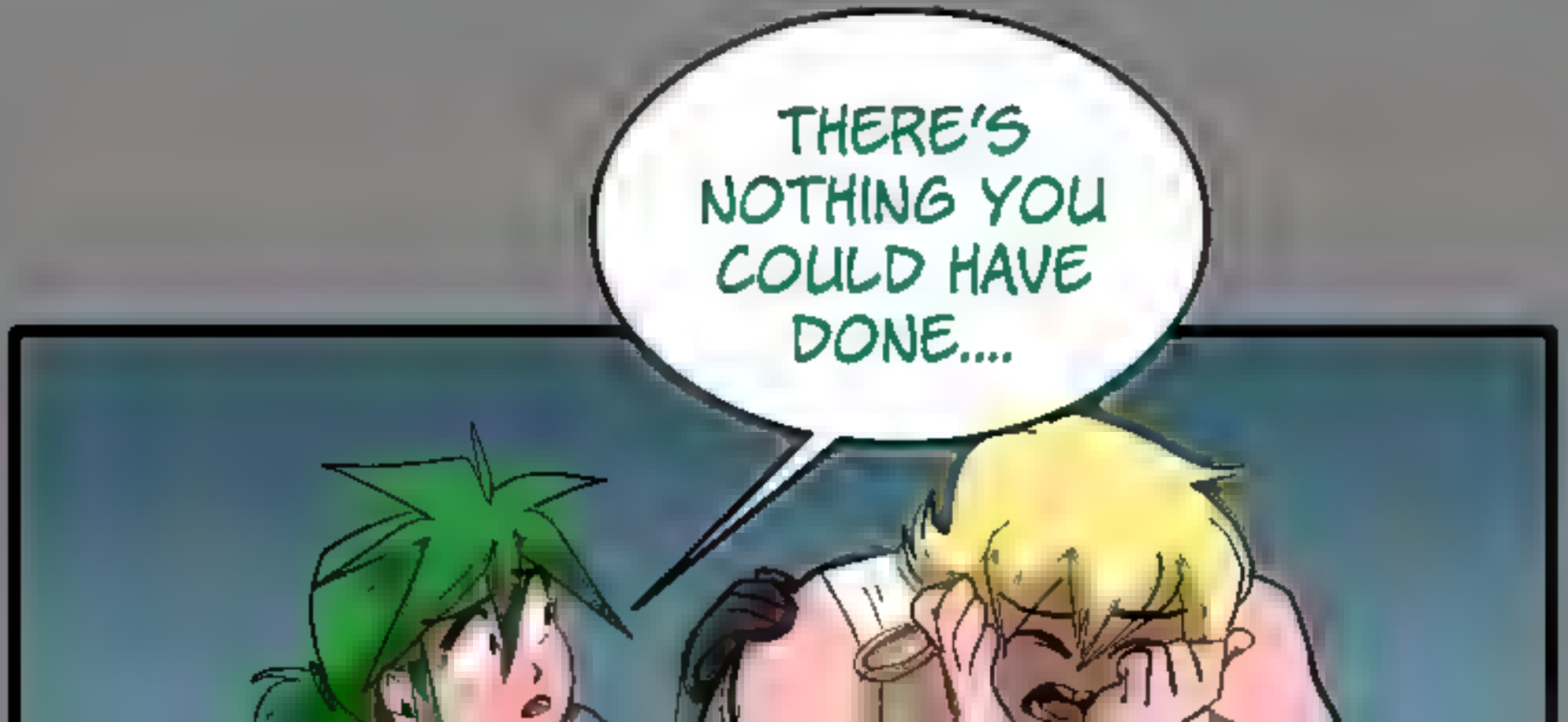
WE HAD SET UP SHOP
IN A REALM THAT THE ROOM OF
SWORDS HAD ALREADY COMPLETED,
AND THAT WAS POPULATED BY ROBOTIC
BEINGS SO WE COULD PLAY IT OFF LIKE
I WAS A NON-HUMAN THAT GYRUS WAS
FIXING UP TO BRING ON MISSIONS
IN OTHER REALMS.

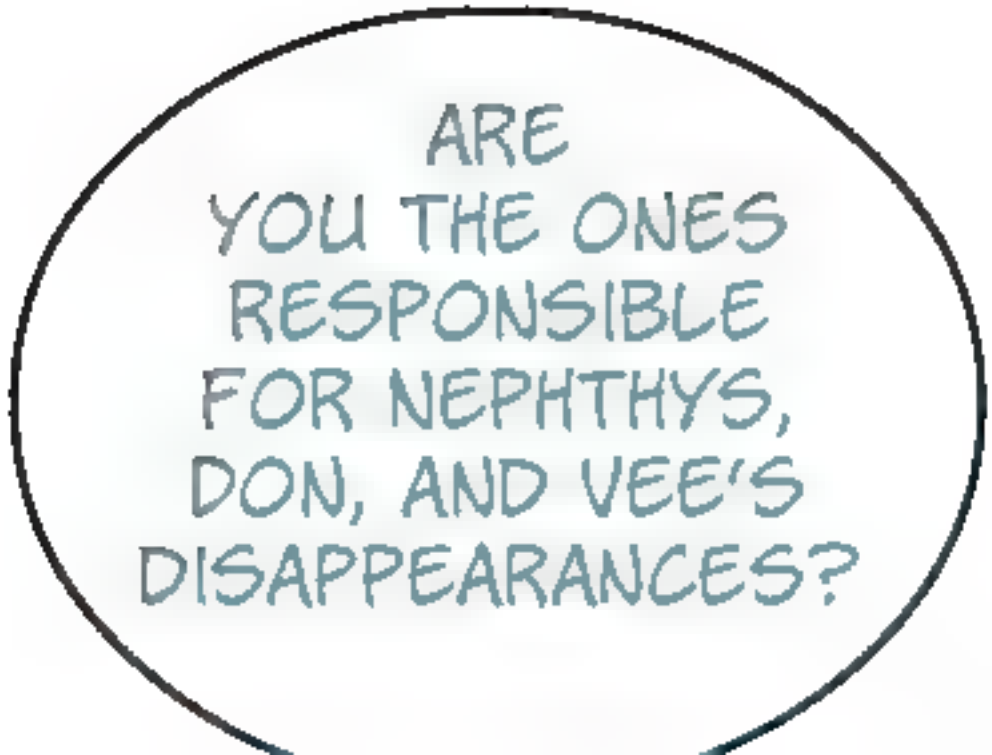
OF COURSE, I COULDN'T REALLY DO THAT, SO ONE DAY, WHEN EVERYTHING WAS DONE, WE CREATED AN "ACCIDENT".

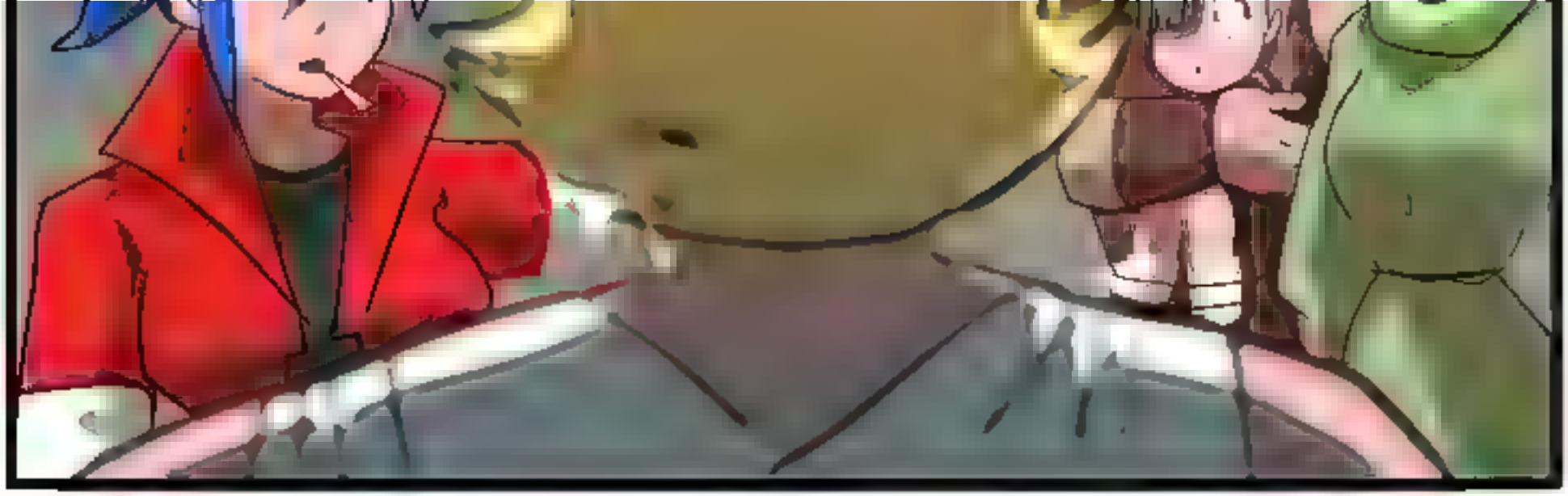

GYRUS TOLD A STORY ABOUT HOW HE'D ACCIDENTALLY DESTROYED ME BY CREATING AN ELECTRICAL SURGE WHILE I WAS POWERING UP AND SAID HE WAS SHUTTING DOWN THE PROJECT.


THERE'S NOTHING YOU COULD HAVE DONE....

POOR MARIA....MAYBE IT WAS A FLAW IN MY DESIGN...!

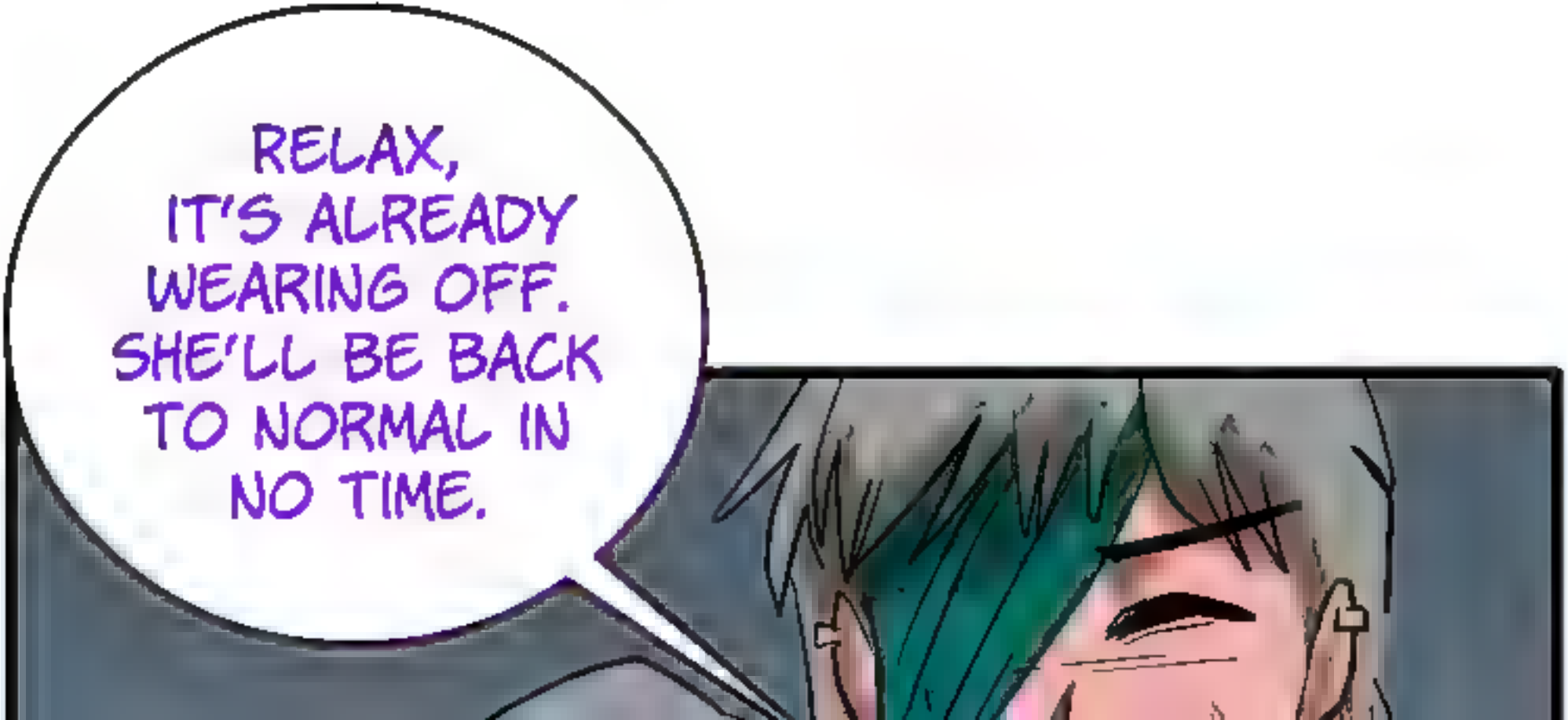
SO YOU'RE ALL WORKING WITH GYRUS, THEN?

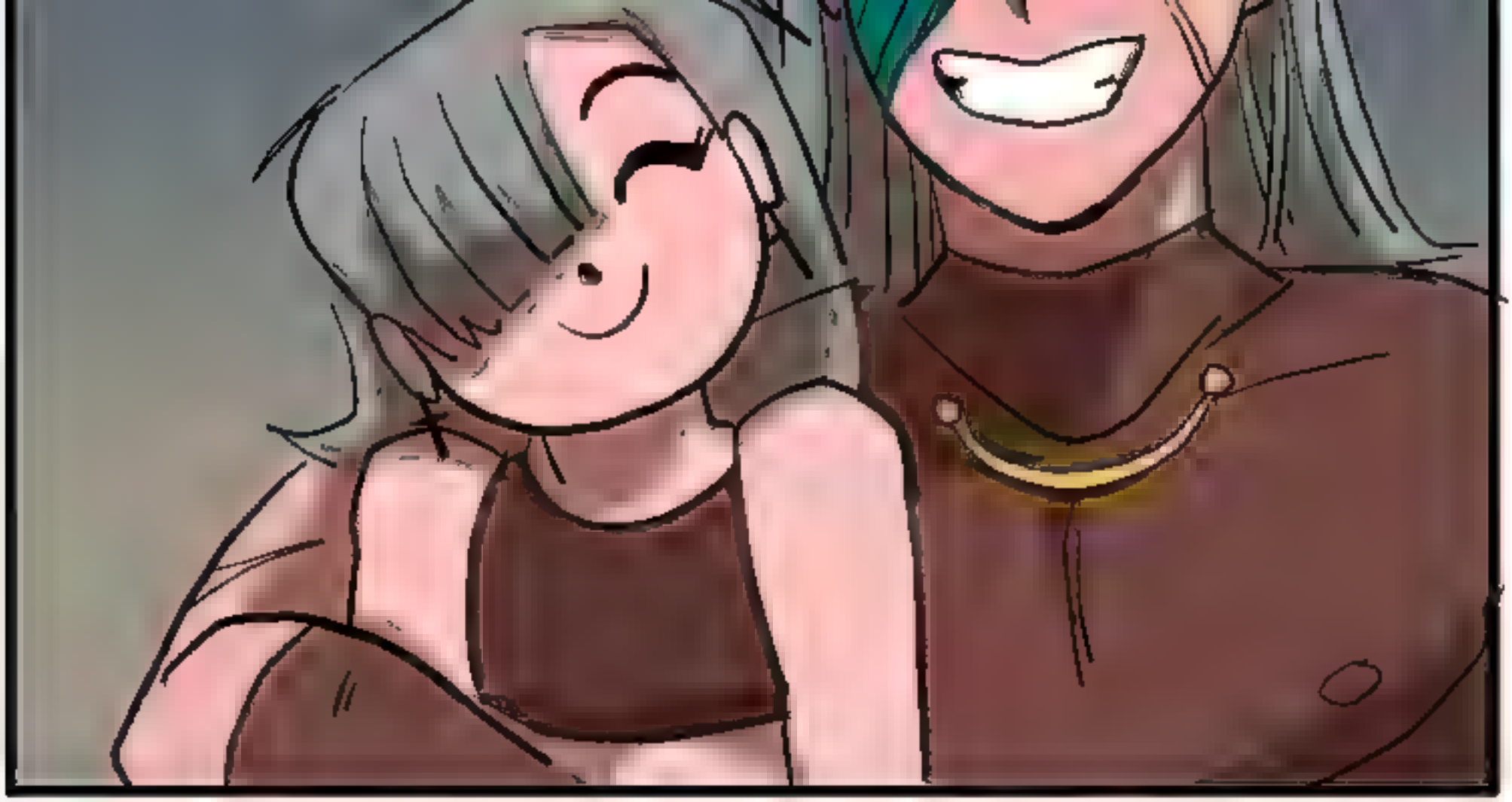

ARE
YOU THE ONES
RESPONSIBLE
FOR NEPHTHYS,
DON, AND VEE'S
DISAPPEARANCES?



I'M RIGHT HERE, OLI!

V-VEE!! WHAT DID THEY DO TO YOU?!


RELAX, IT'S ALREADY WEARING OFF. SHE'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL IN NO TIME.



AS FOR NEPHTHYS, WE RESCUED HER AFTER DON ATTACKED HER.

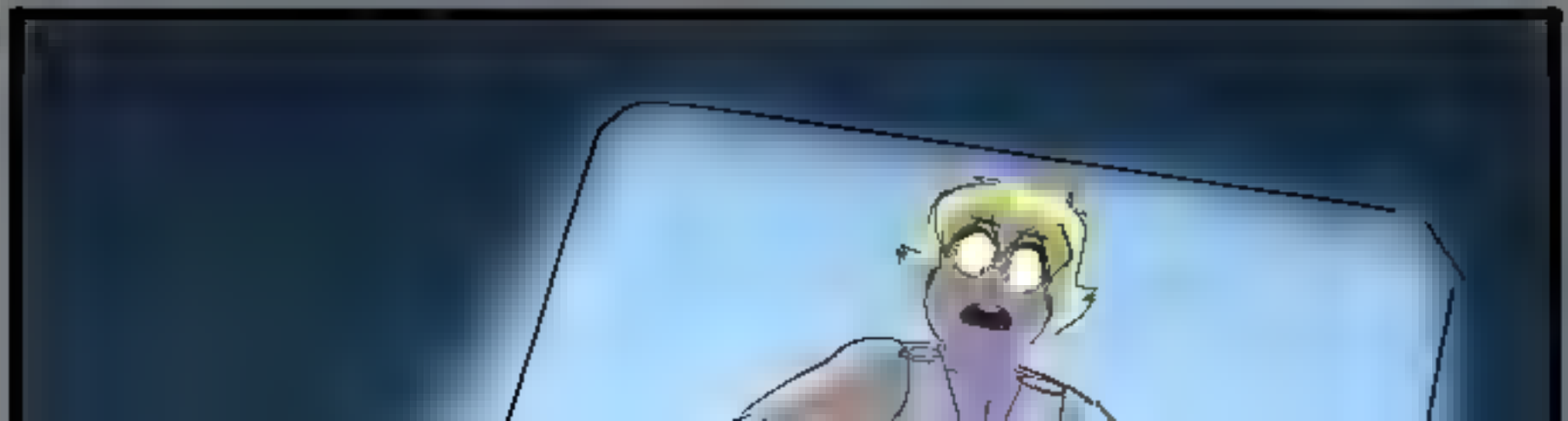
I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT DON *ISN'T* THE PERSON HE SAYS HE IS.

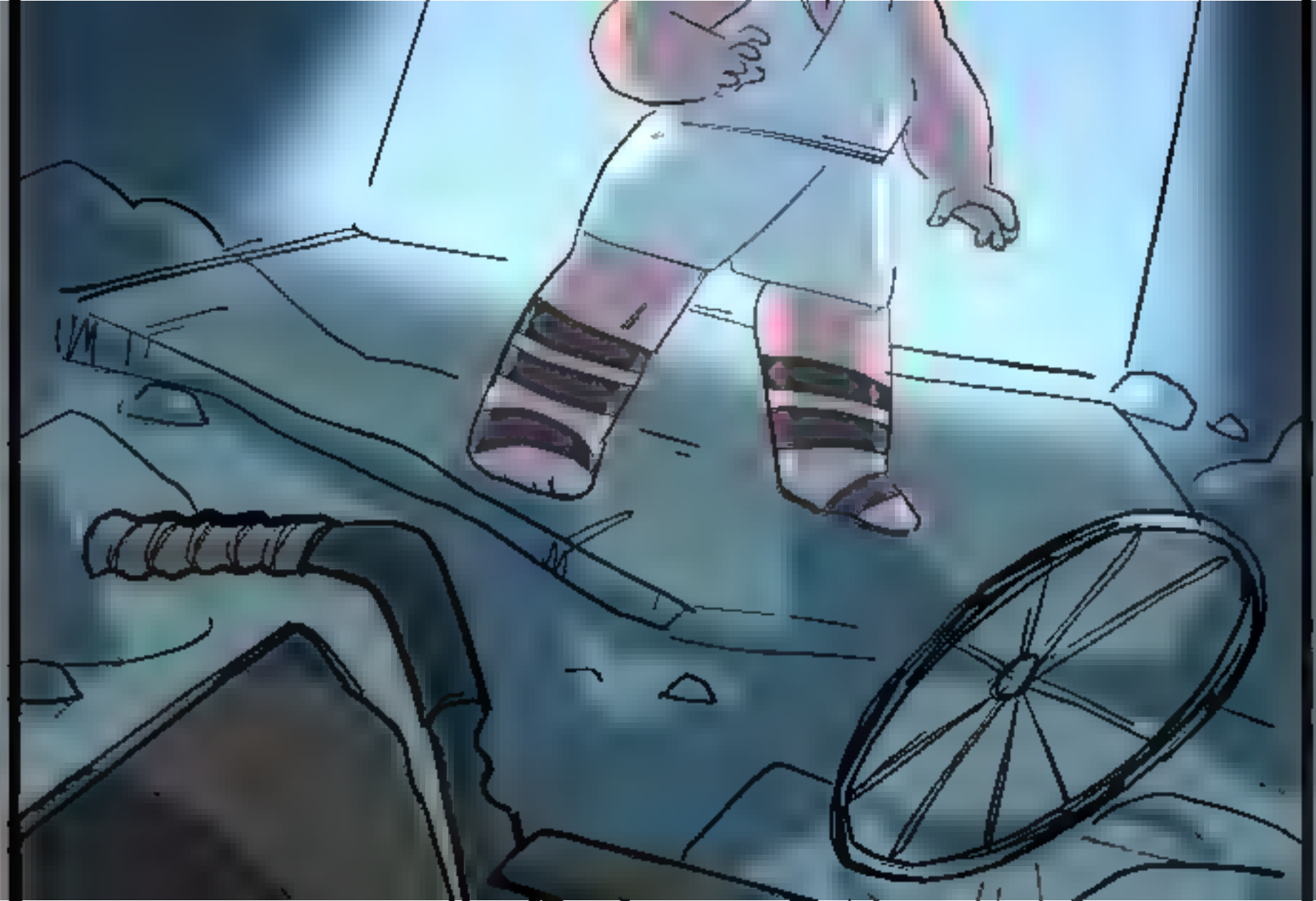
ACTUALLY... IT'S *NOT* THAT HARD TO BELIEVE.

I KNOW DON ALWAYS ACTS LIKE A NICE GUY, BUT TO BE HONEST, HE'S ALWAYS SCARED ME A LITTLE.

THE LAST TIME I SAW NEPHTHYS, SHE SAID SOMEONE HAD STOLEN 7 BOSS SWORDS AND REPLACED THEM WITH THE FAKE I MADE YEAR AGO. SHE WAS GOING TO LOOK FOR THE REAL SWORDS AND SHE WENT TO GET SUPPLIES FROM THE INFIRMARY

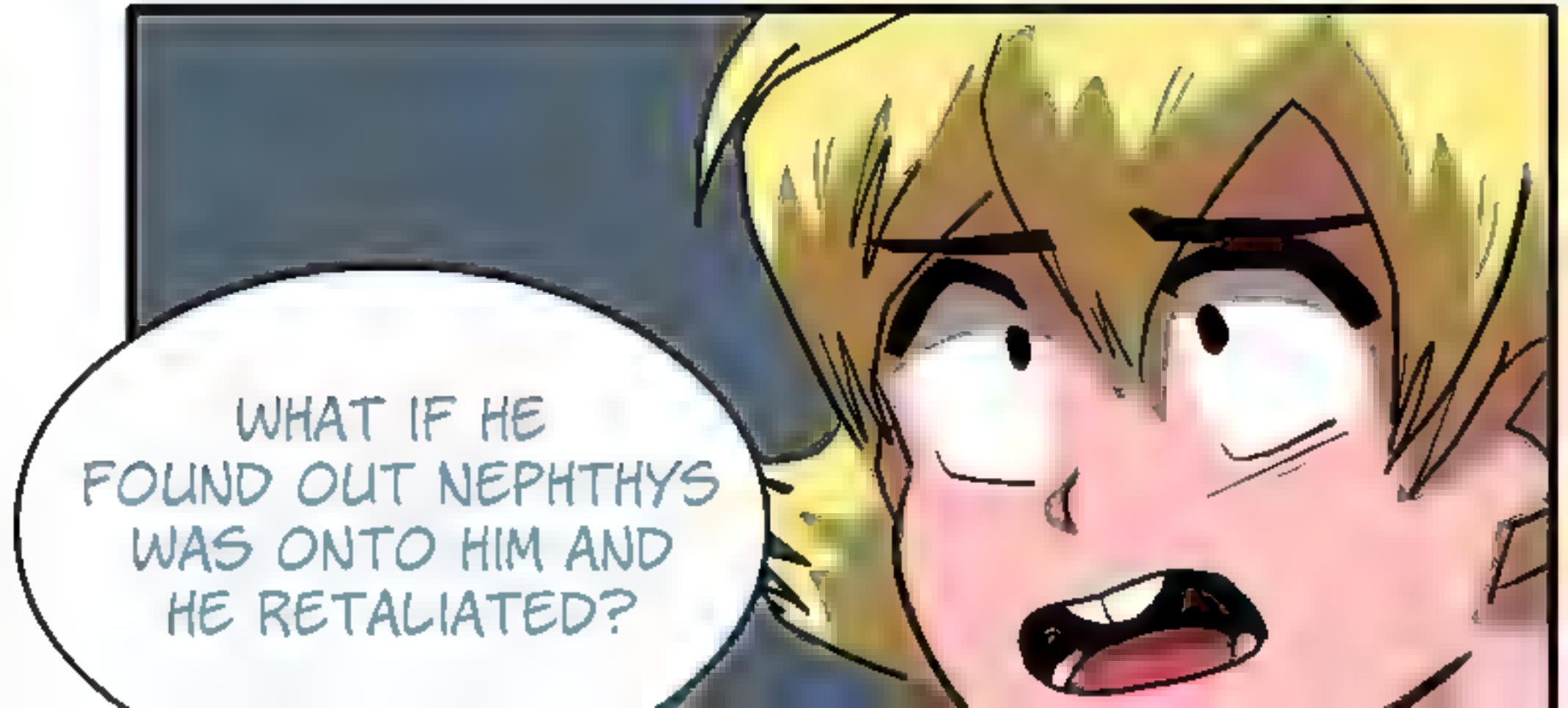
A WHILE LATER, PEOPLE STARTED SAYING NEPHTHYS AND DON HAD GONE MISSING, SO I GOT WORRIED AND WENT BY THE INFIRMARY TO LOOK FOR HER.





THE WHOLE PLACE HAD BEEN RIPPED APART. I STARTED FIXING EVERYTHING AND I FOUND DON'S WHEELCHAIR CRUSHED UNDERNEATH THE RUBBLE... BUT NO SIGN OF THE MAN HIMSELF.

EVERYONE WAS SAYING GYRUS WAS TO BLAME, BUT... I HAD A BAD FEELING. DON WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW ABOUT THE FAKE SWORDS OTHER THAN ME...


WHAT IF HE FOUND OUT NEPHTHYS WAS ONTO HIM AND HE RETALIATED?

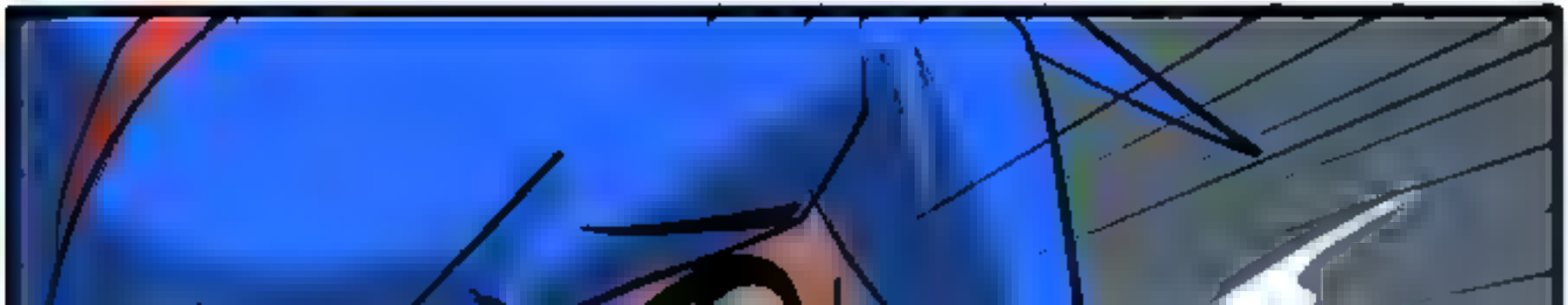
A-AND, IF YOU SAVED HER, THEN WHY ISN'T SHE HERE WITH YOU?

...NEPHTHYS WENT TO THE SHADOW HOUR.

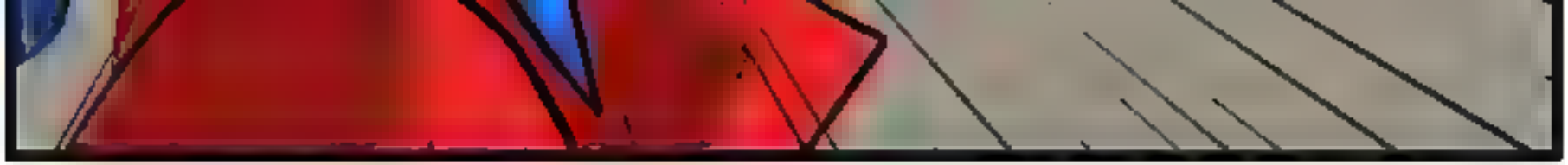
SHE
WHAT?! NO!!
SHE WANTED TO
FIND THE SWORDS!
YOU LEFT HER
FOR DEAD!

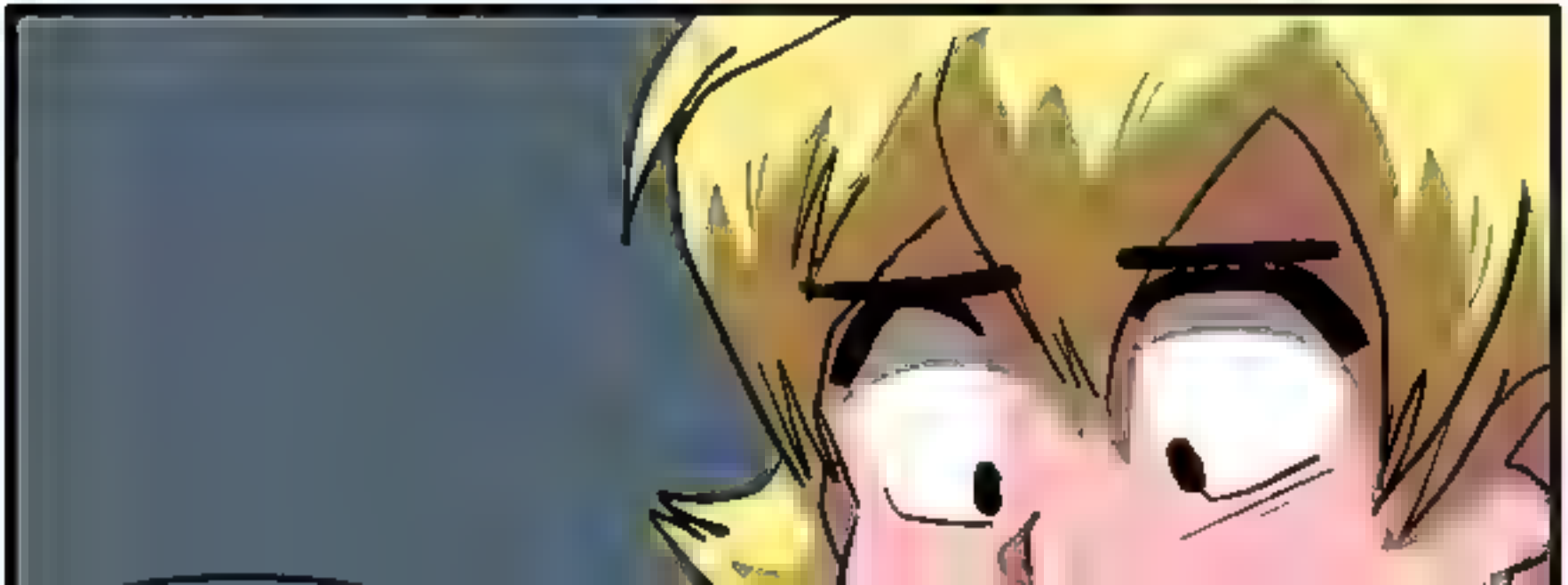
HEY, CALM DOWN. NEPHTHYS HAD TO GO AFTER KODYA'S BODY. AND SHE SENT *US* TO FIND THE SWORDS.

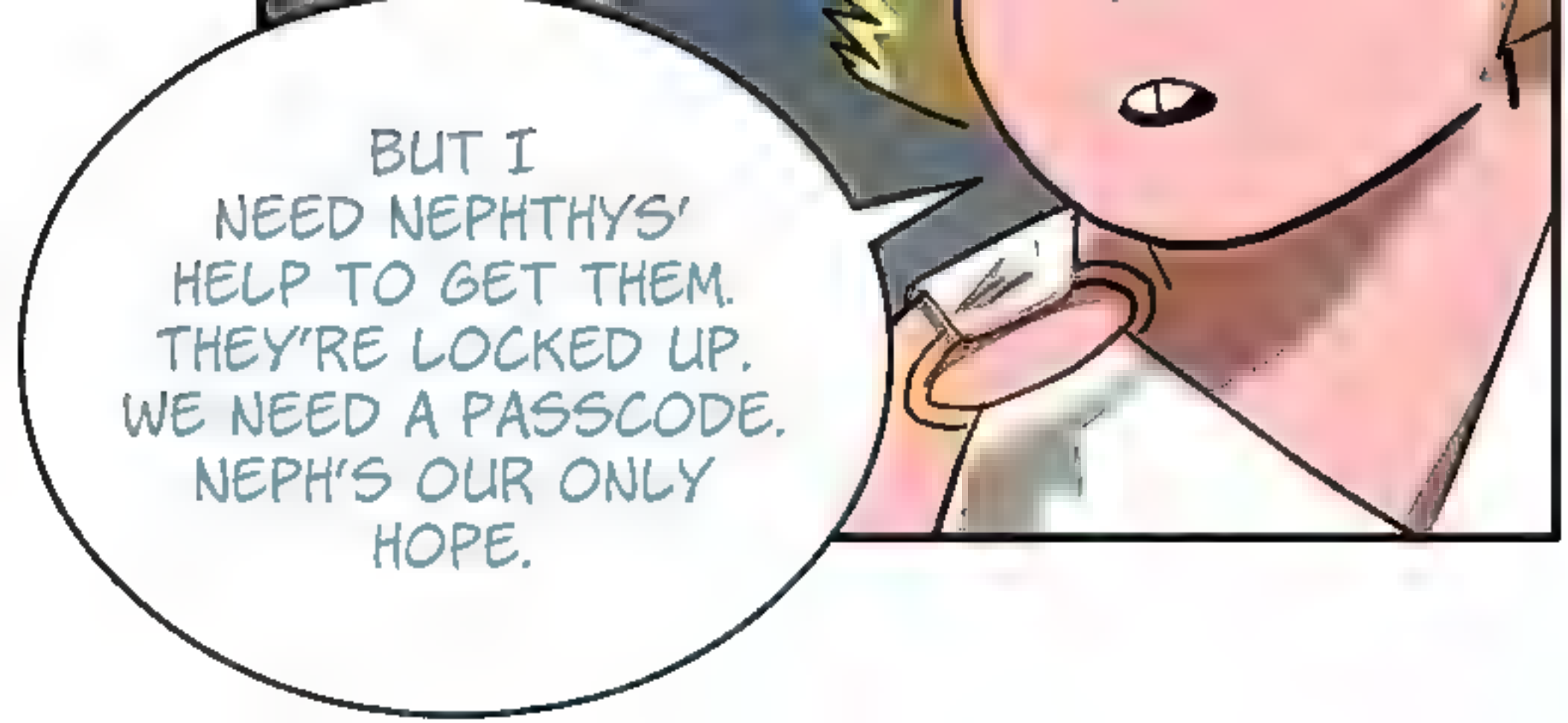
B-BUT
I ALREADY
FOUND
THEM.



YOU DID!?!

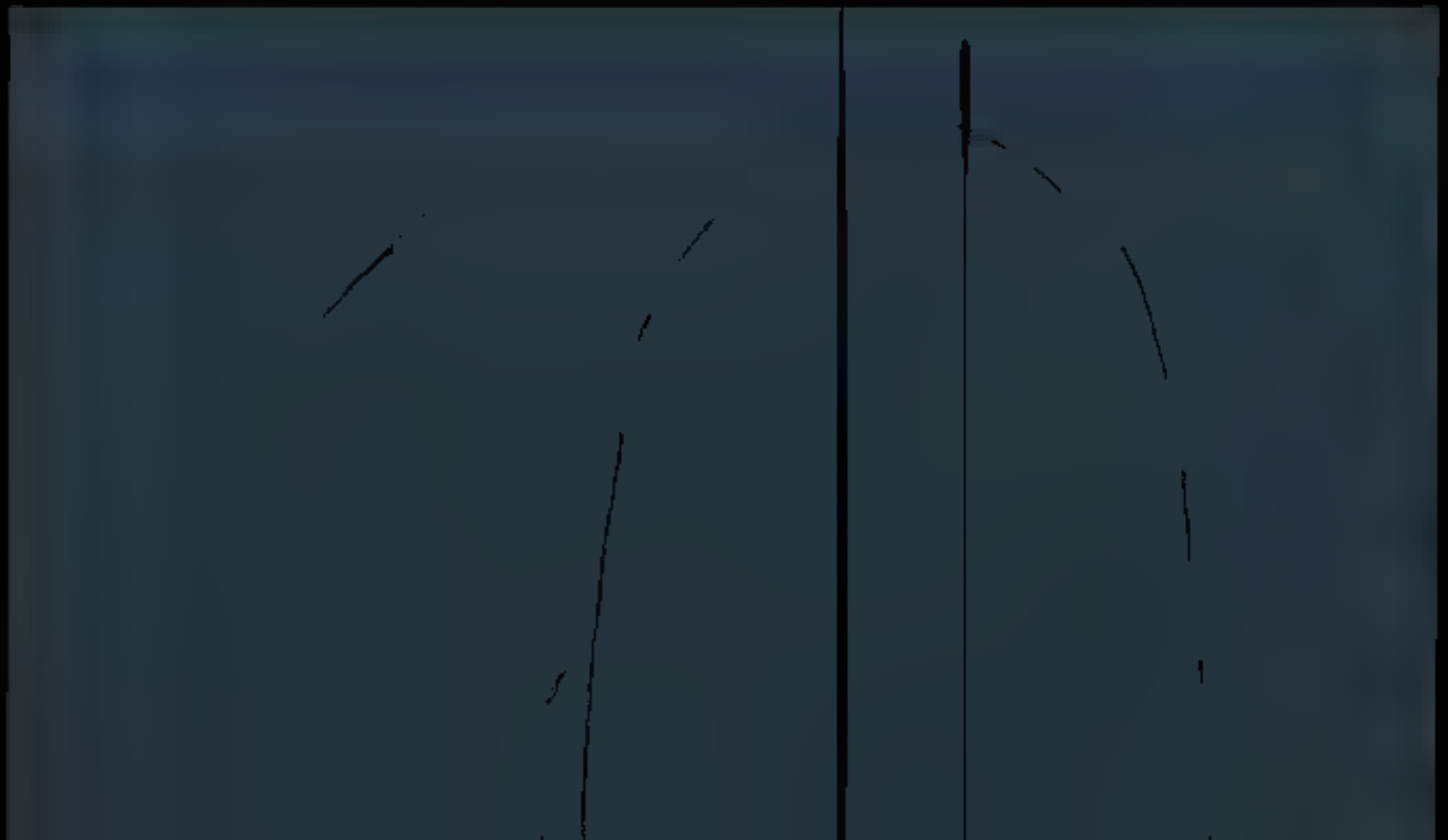


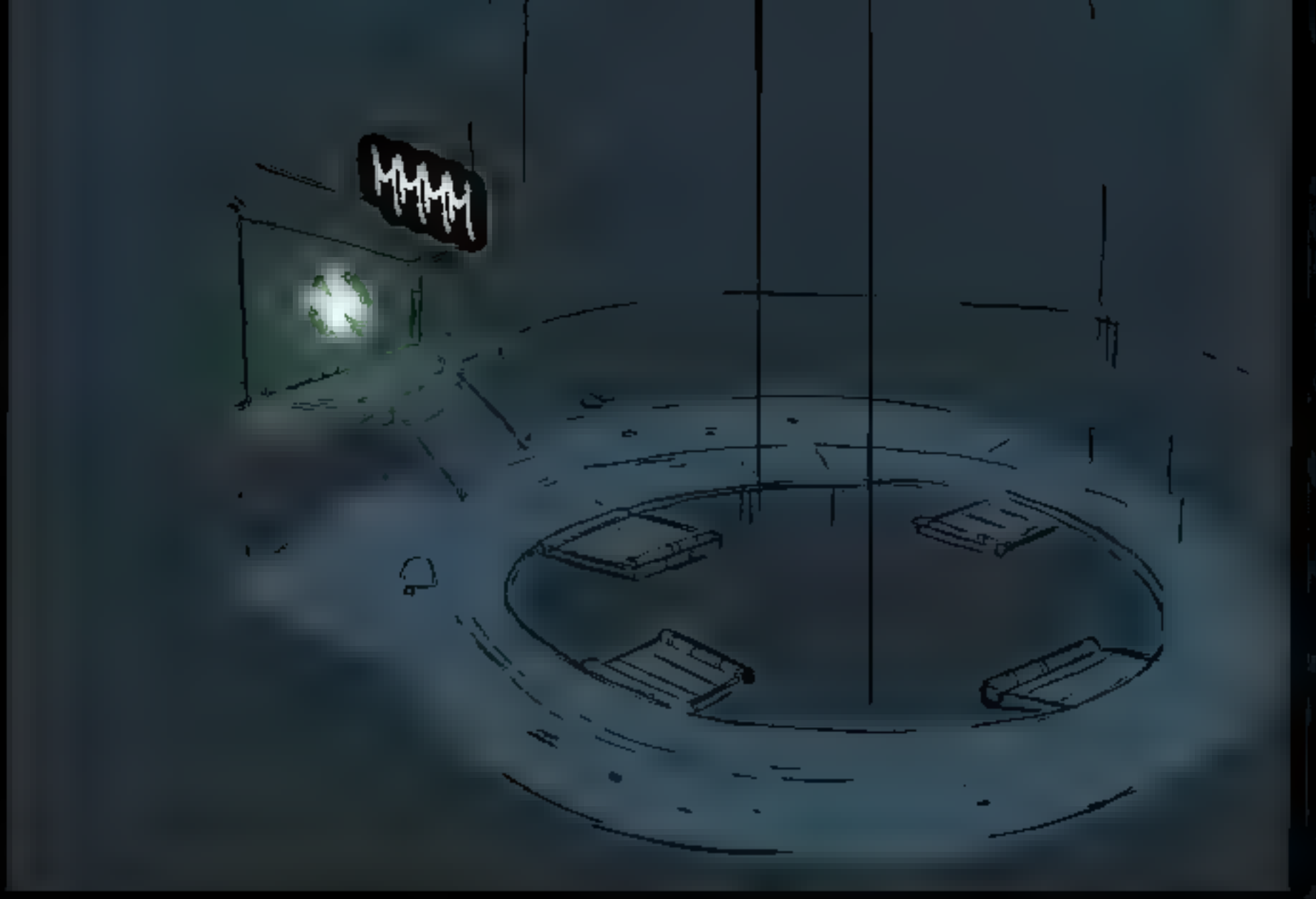



BUT I NEED NEPHTHYS' HELP TO GET THEM. THEY'RE LOCKED UP. WE NEED A PASSCODE. NEPH'S OUR ONLY HOPE.

WELL
THEN, TODAY'S
OUR LUCKY DAY! WE
SO HAPPEN TO HAVE
A LITTLE PIECE OF
NEPHTHYS RIGHT
HERE!

LEAD THE WAY.

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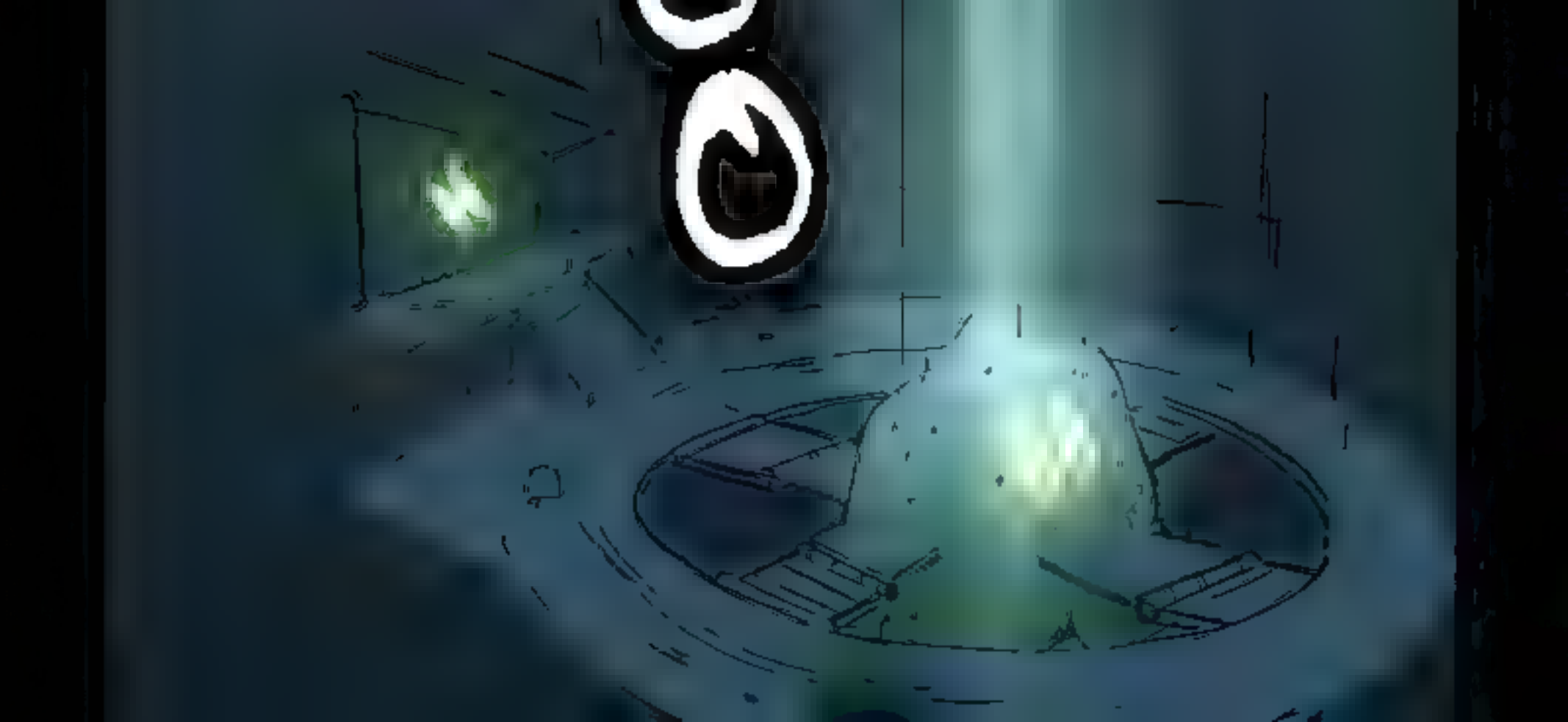
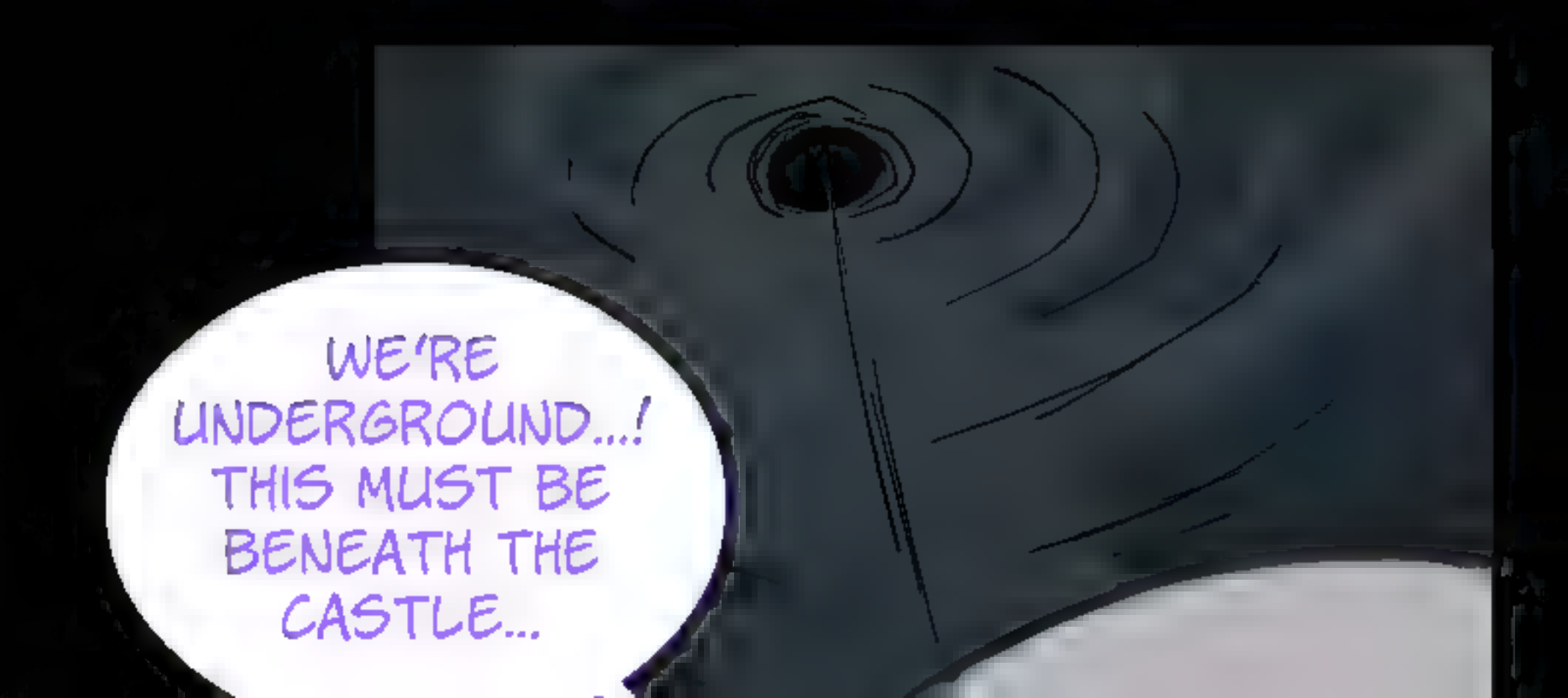
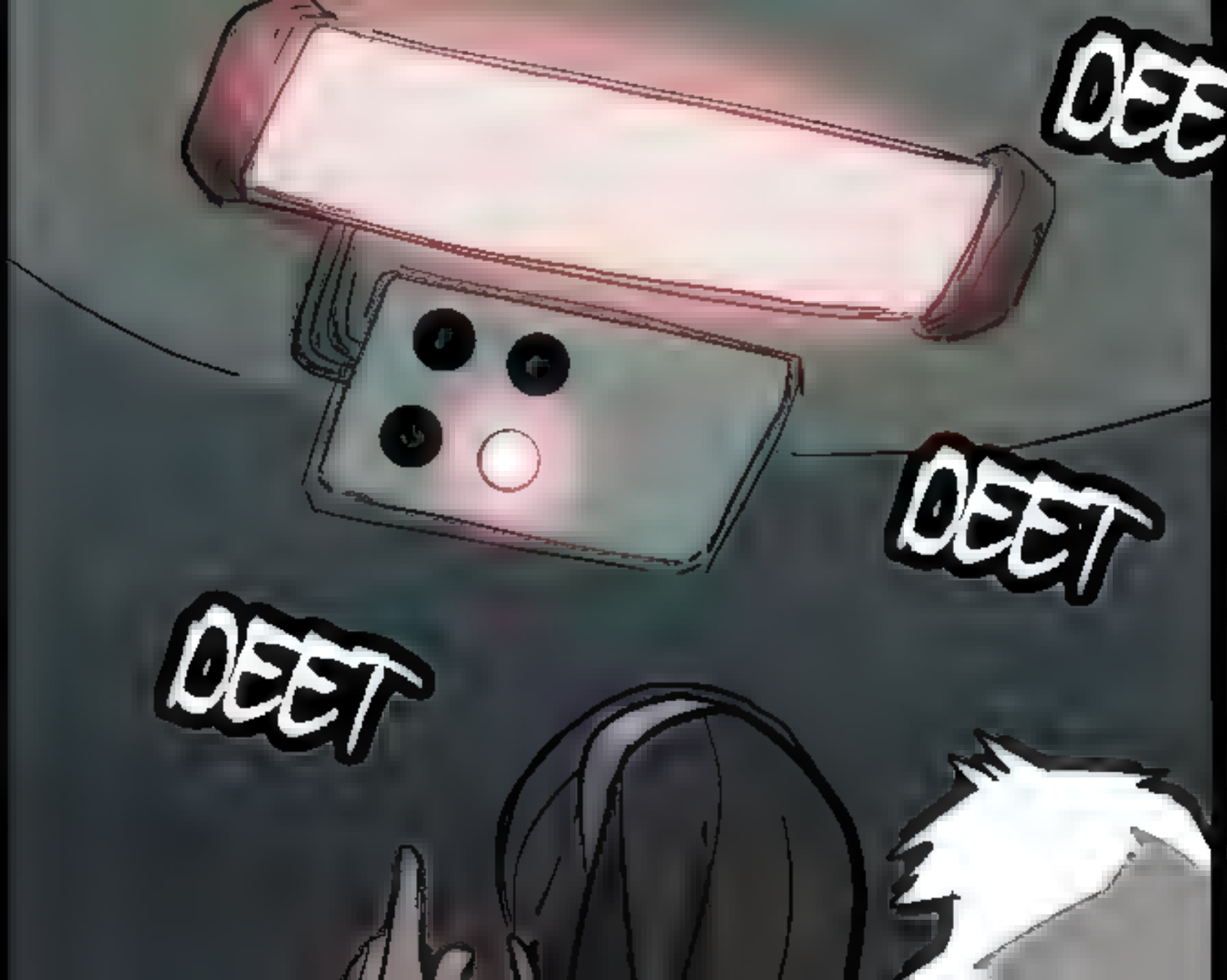


OOM

WE'RE HERE.


WE'RE UNDERGROUND...! THIS MUST BE BENEATH THE CASTLE...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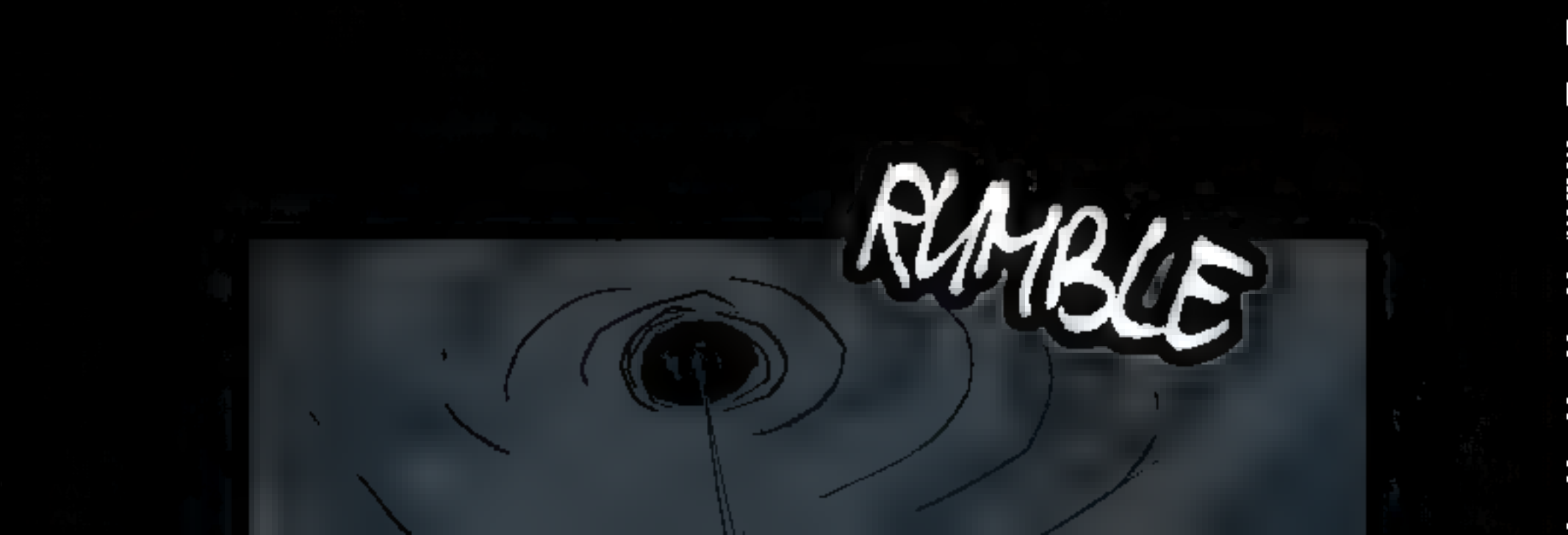
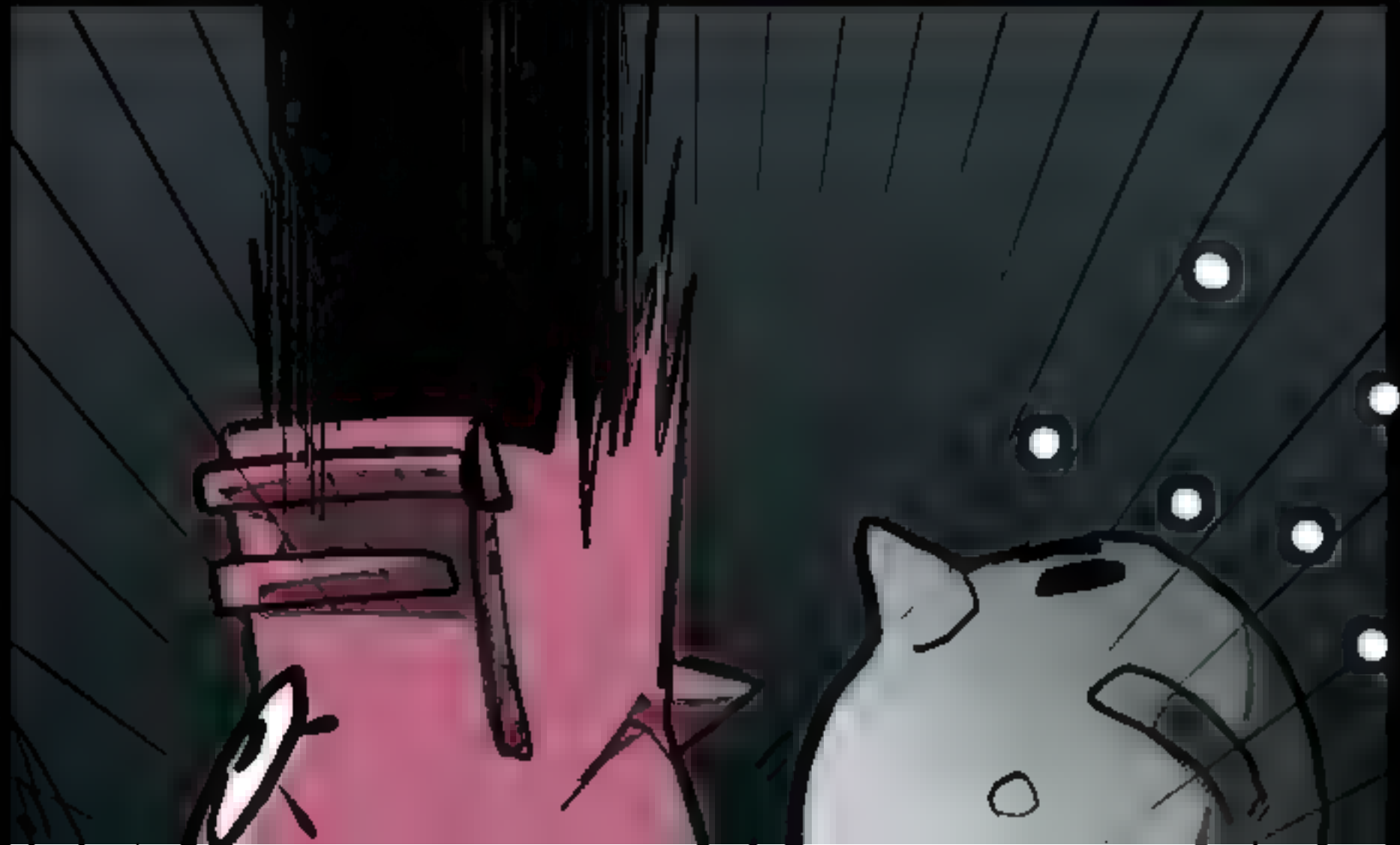
OH DEAR... WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
WE'RE ON OUR FINAL FUEL CELL. IT MEANS WE HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY FOR ONE MORE JUMP.


RUMBLE

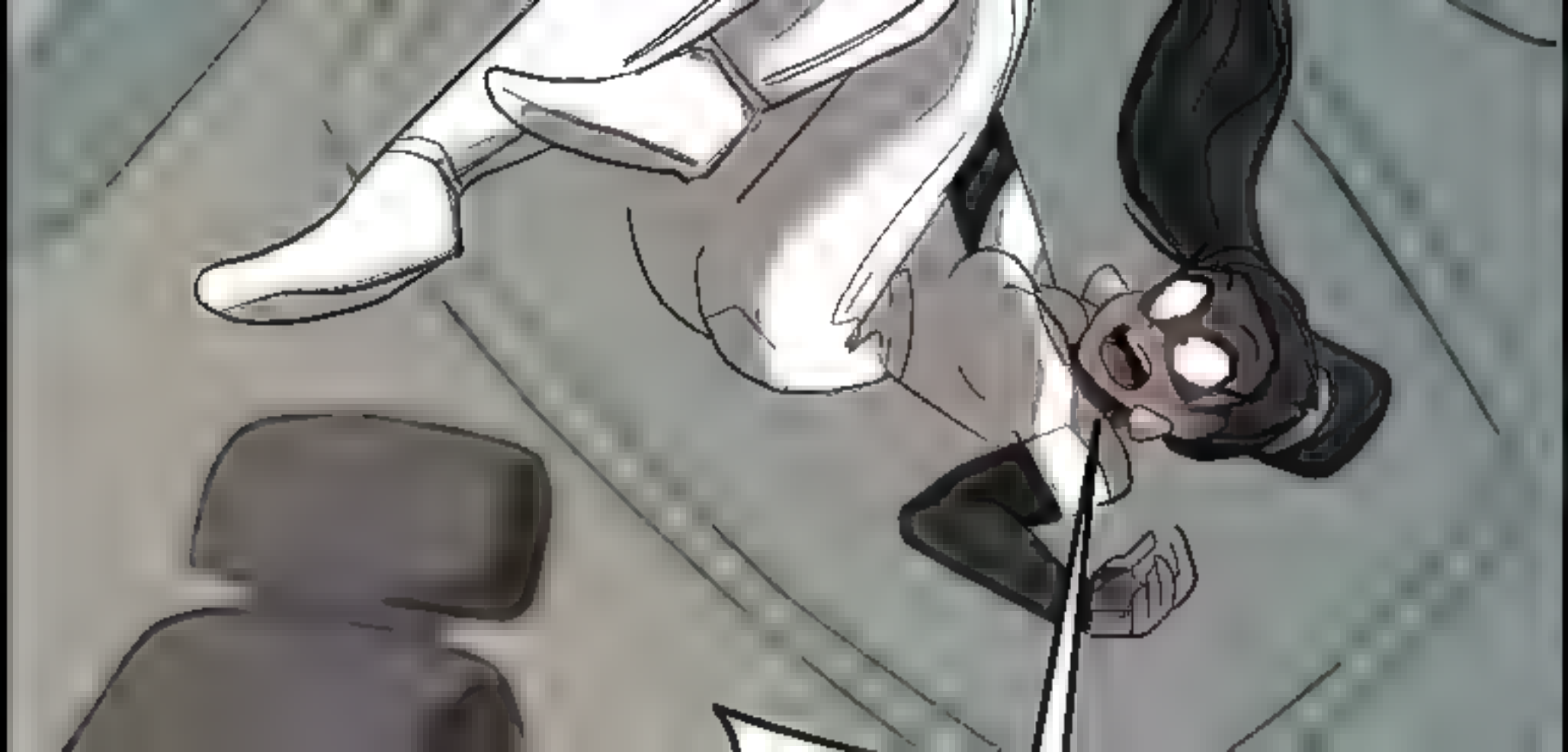
RUMBLE

SOMETHING
IS COMING!

BOOM

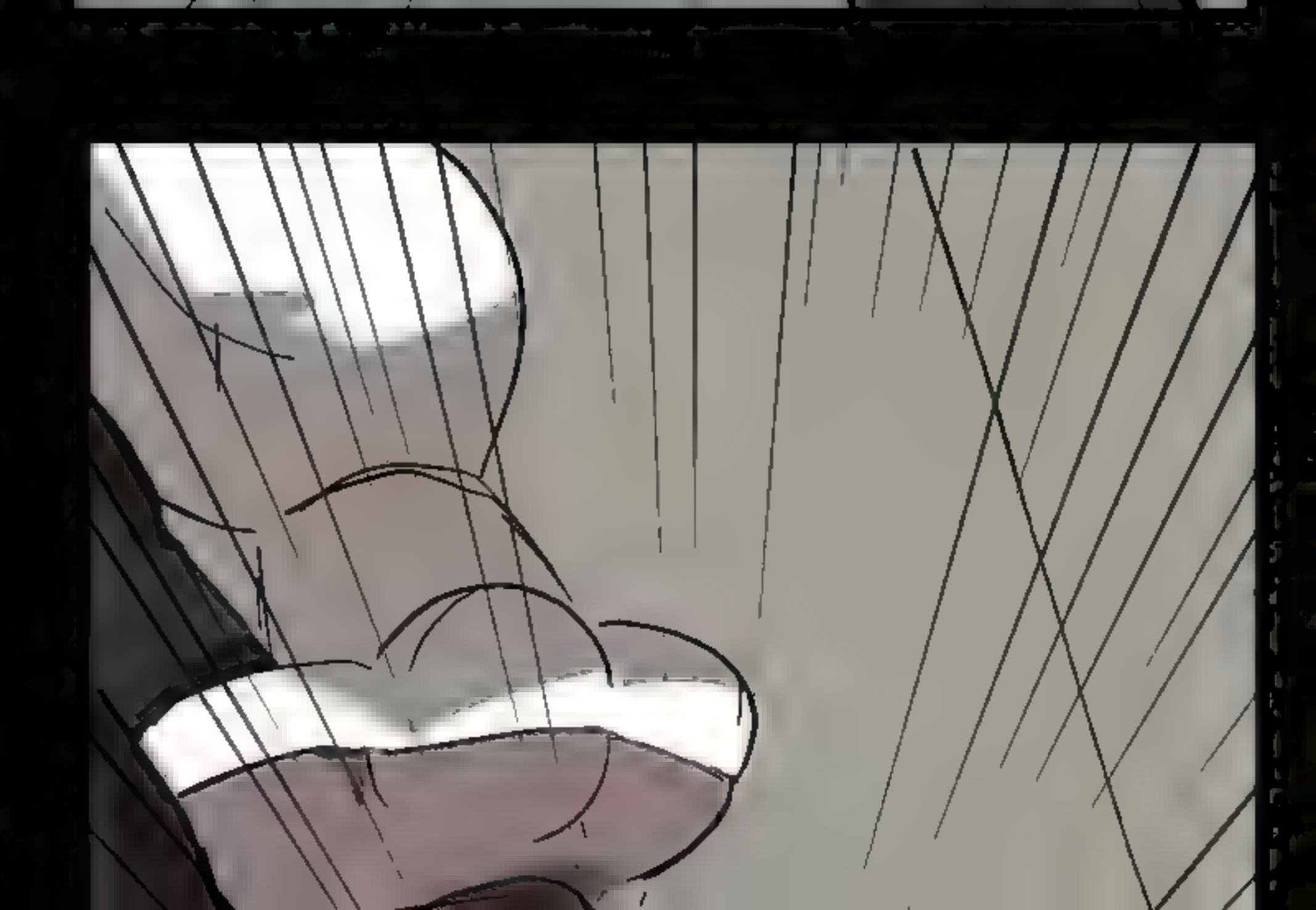


SLAP!



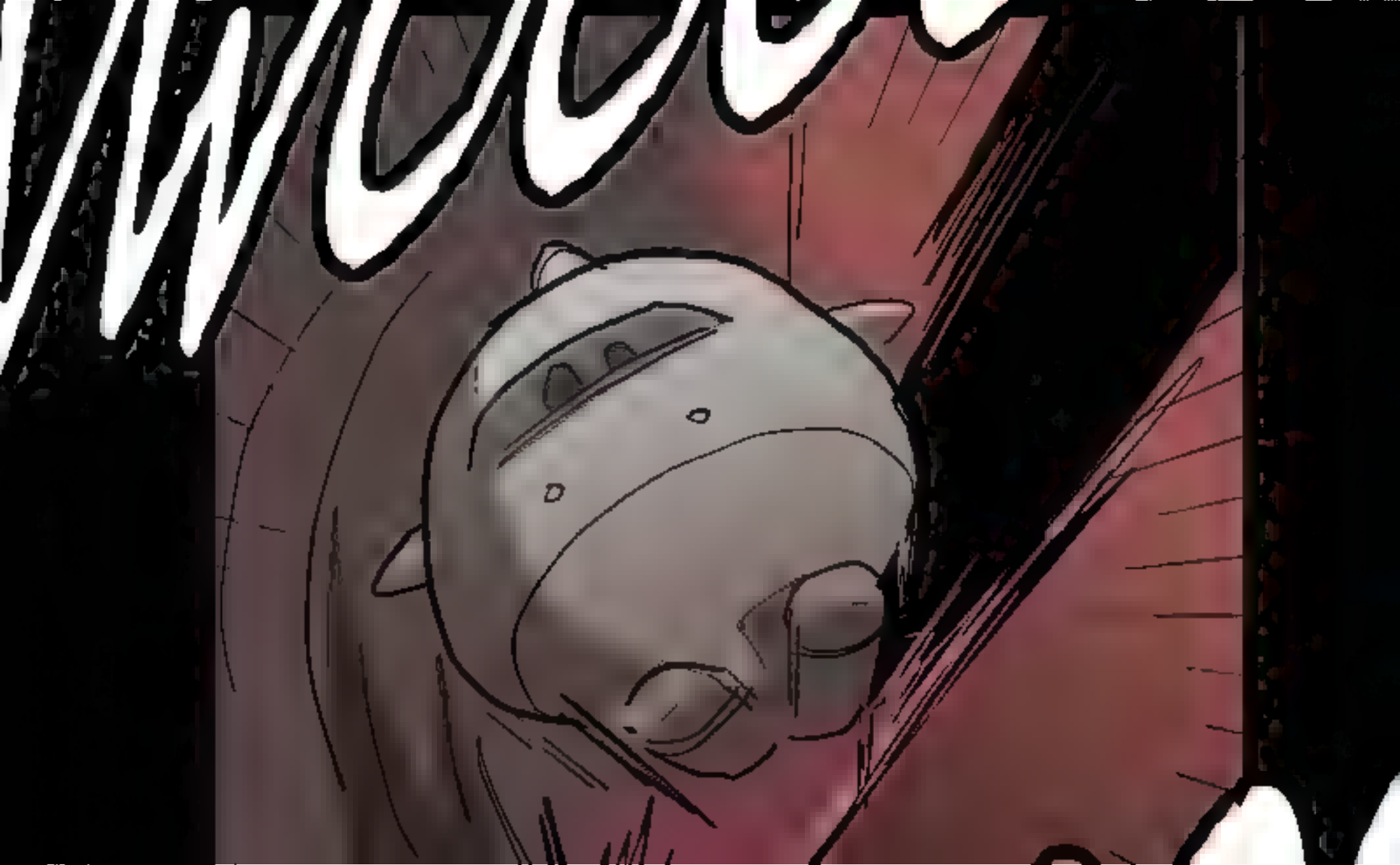
AAIIEE!!!

CATCH



SPIN

HOLD ON.



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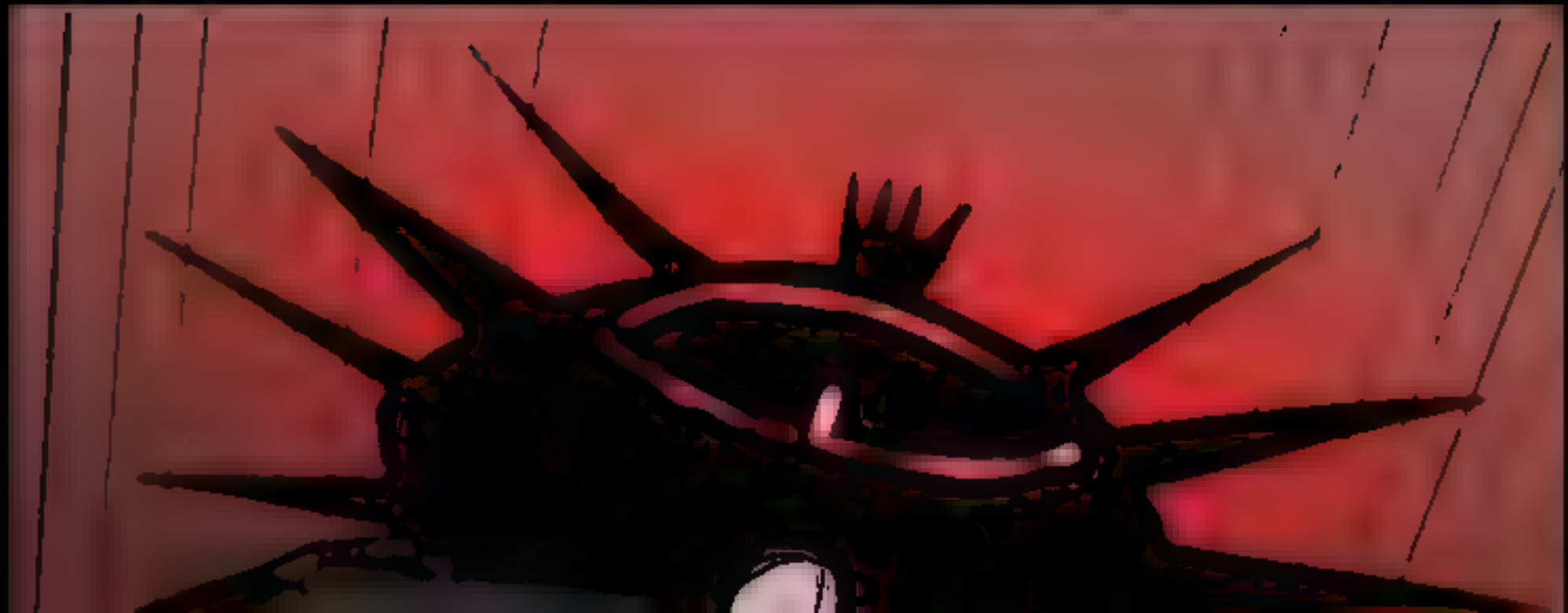
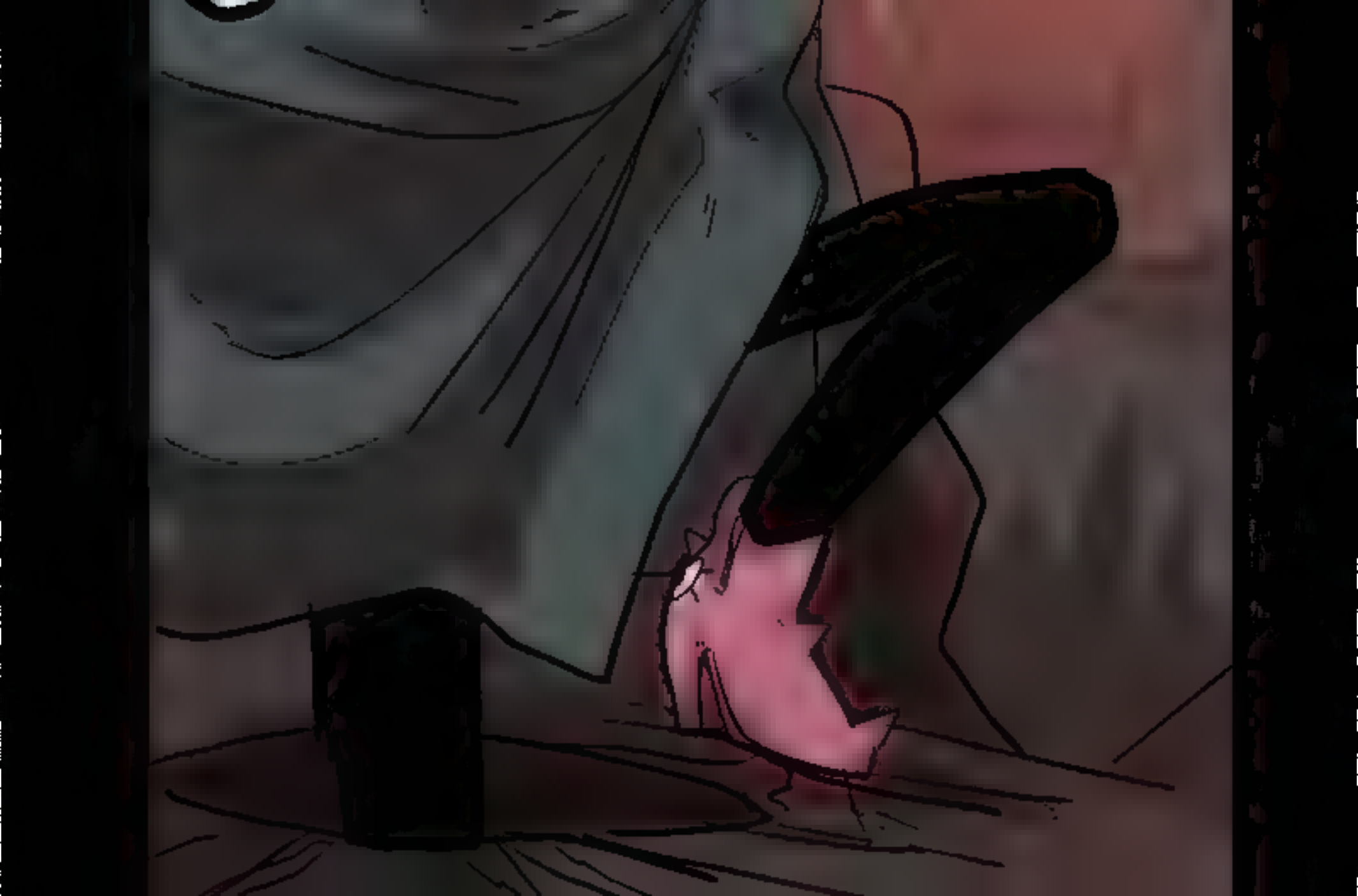
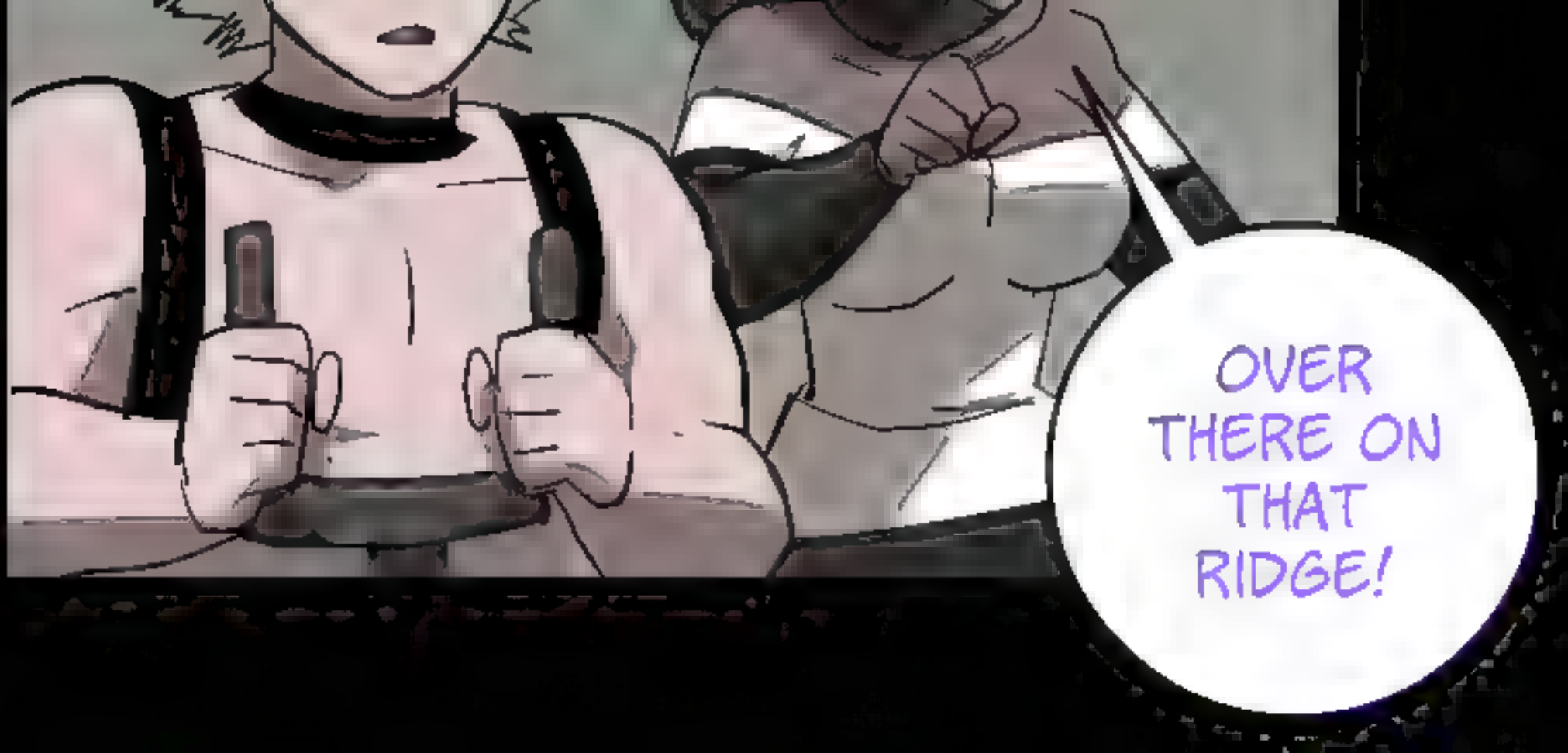
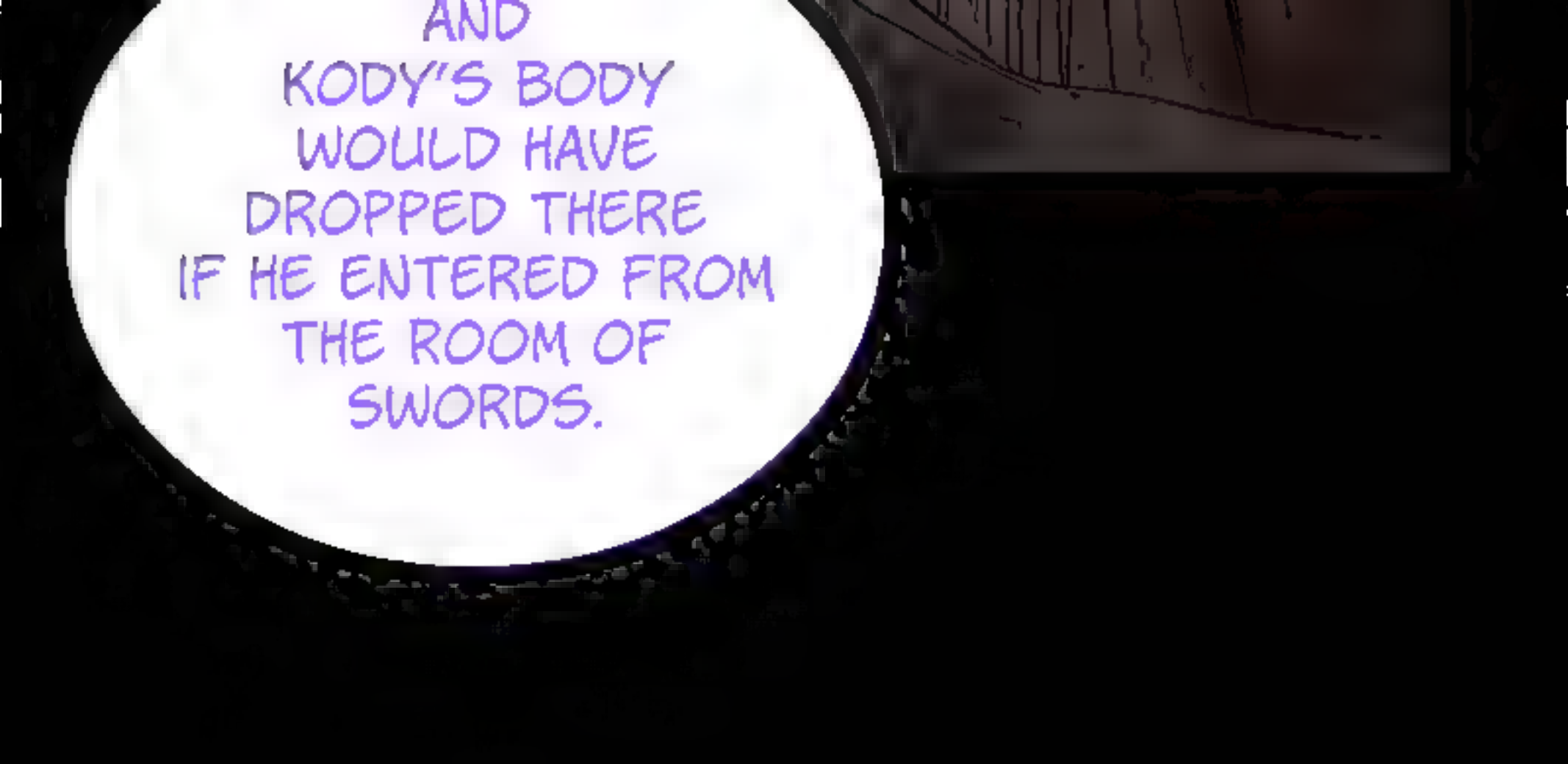




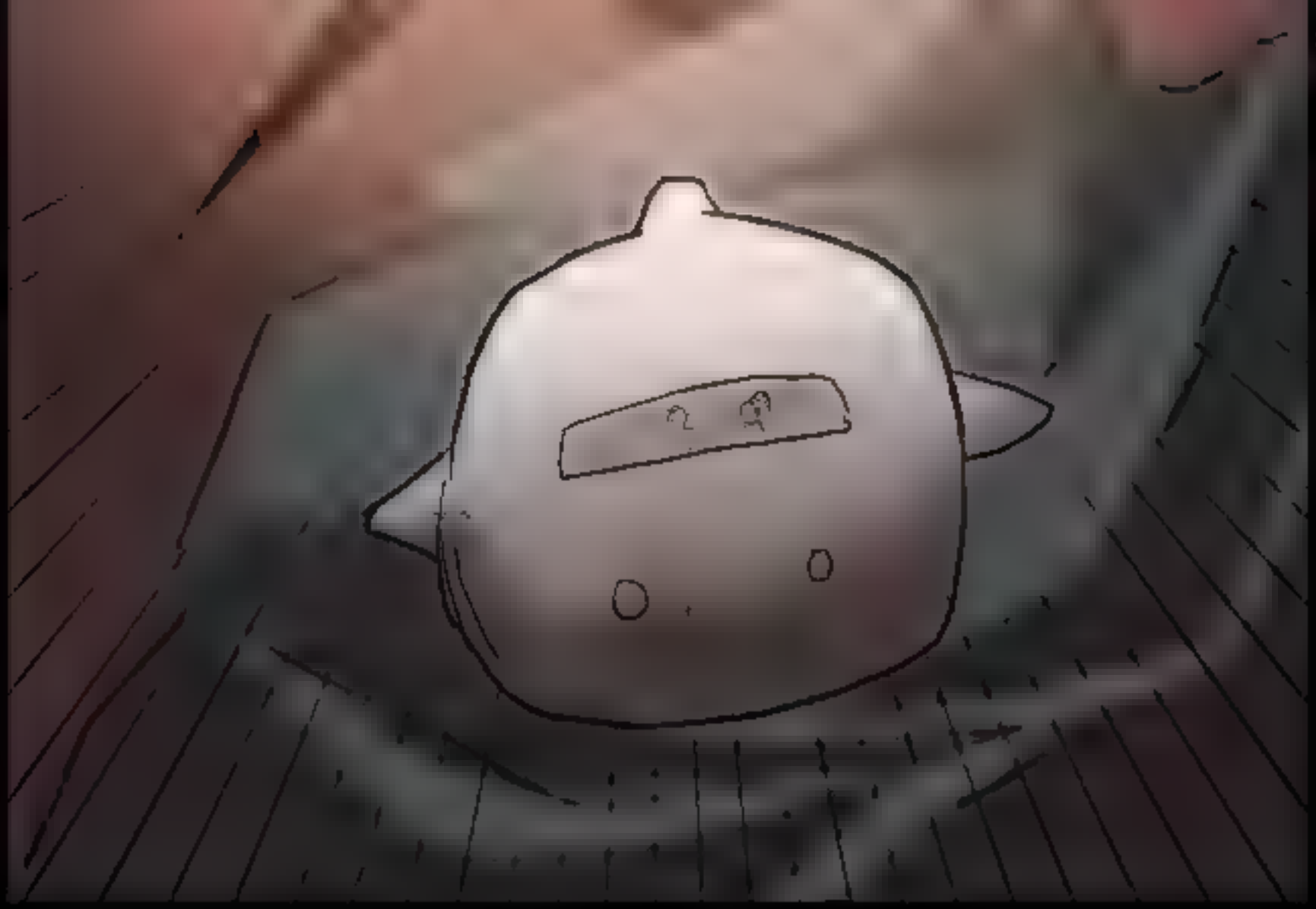
WE HAVE NARROWLY AVOIDED DESTRUCTION. AWAITING FURTHER DIRECTION.

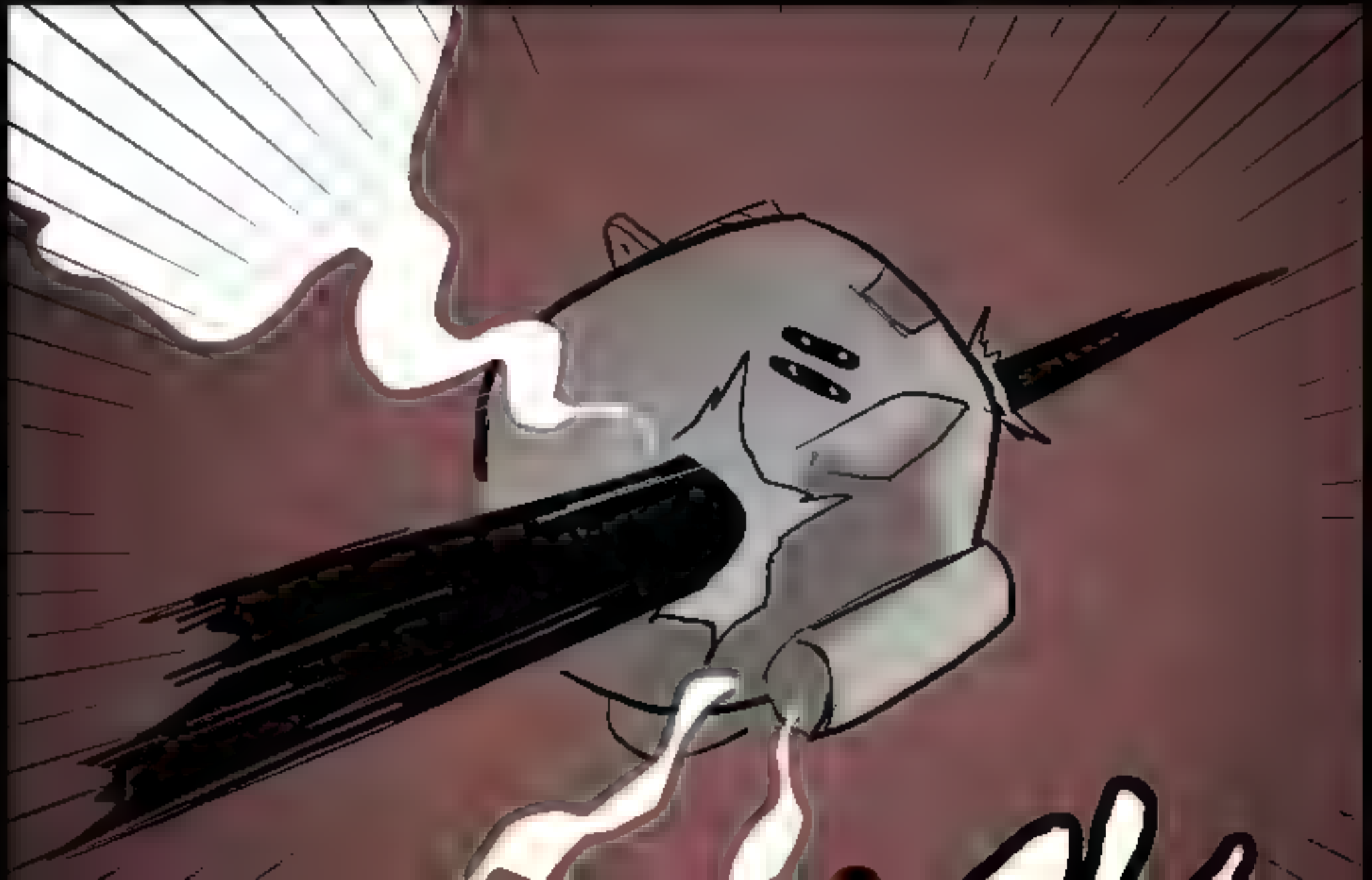

OVER THERE ON THAT RIDGE!

I SAW
IT IN MY
VISION...


AND
KODY'S BODY
WOULD HAVE
DROPPED THERE
IF HE ENTERED FROM
THE ROOM OF
SWORDS.

SHOO
SHOO
SHOO





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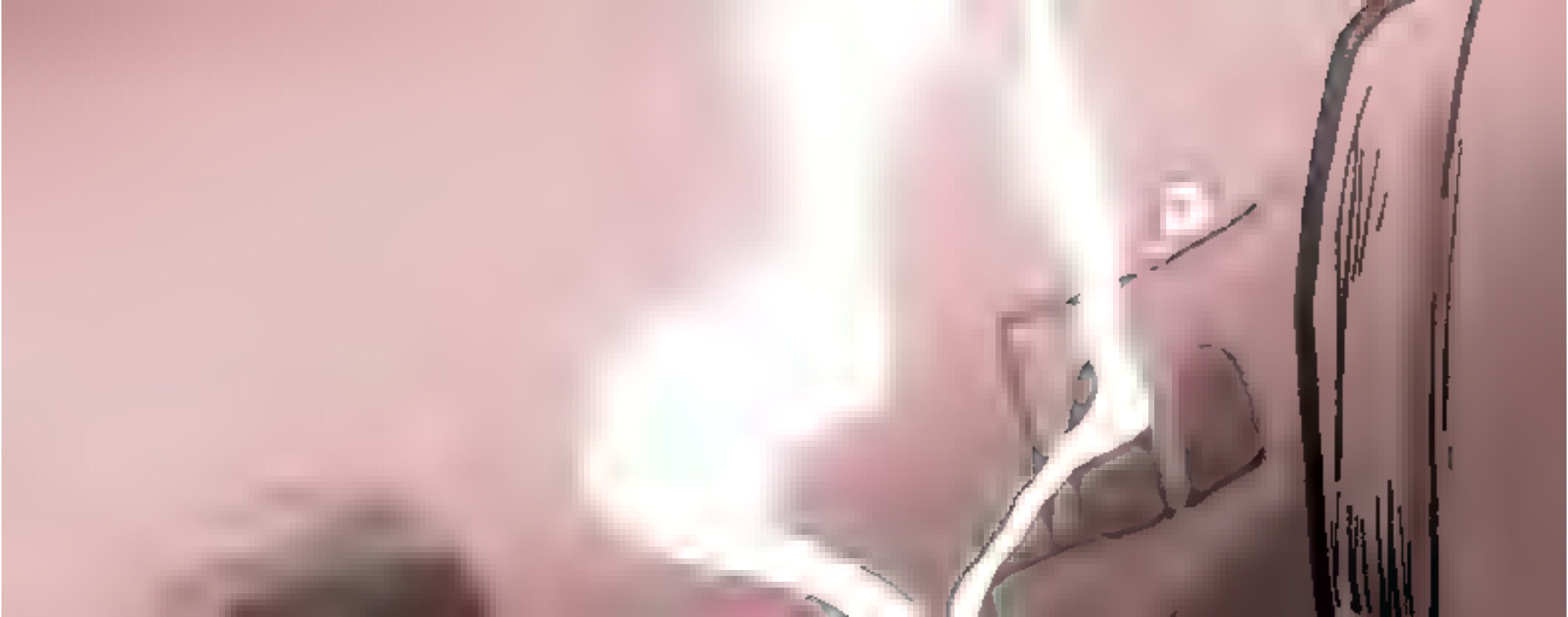
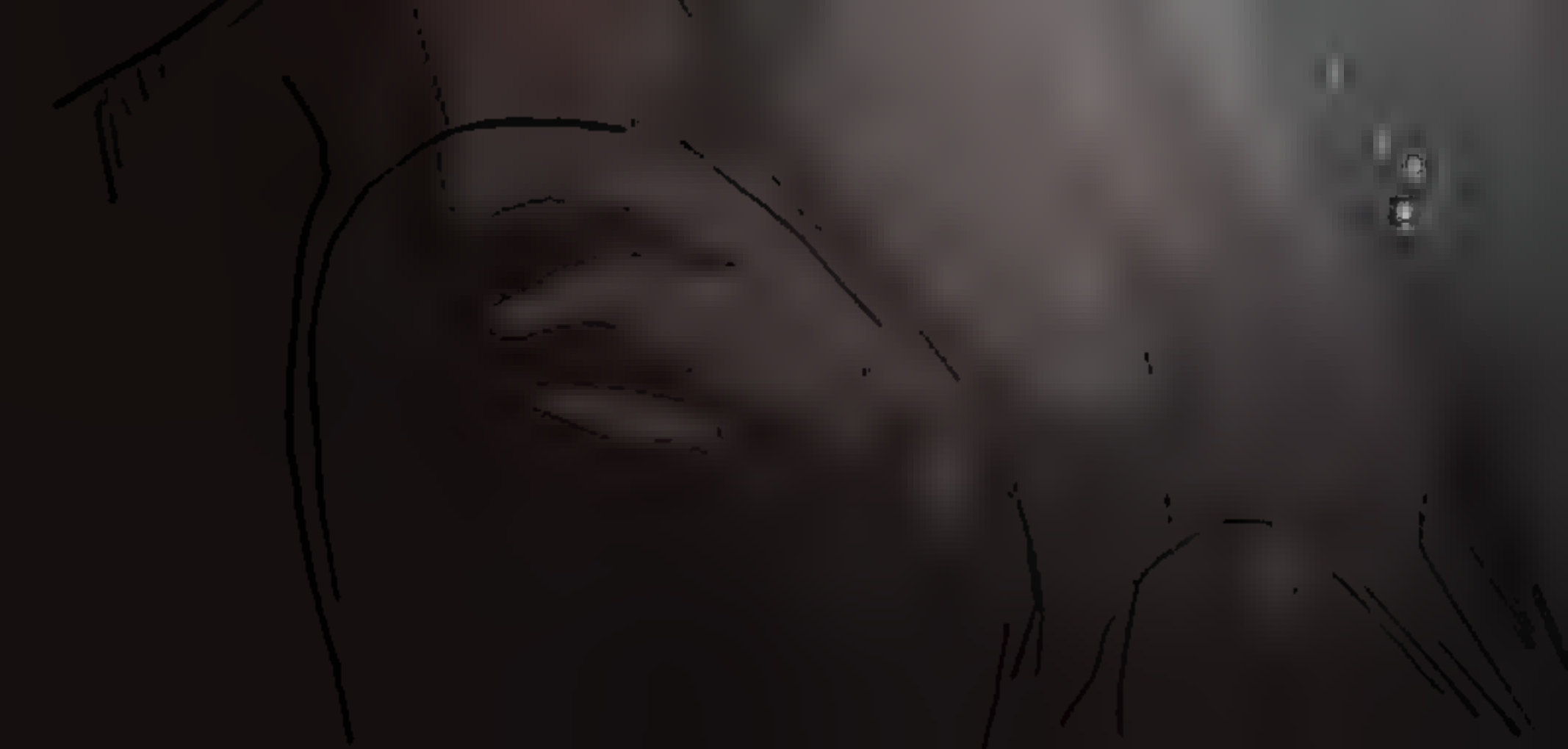
WE'RE HIT!!





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